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August 2, 2010

Dear Mr. Ruben:

I am writing to you about my summer internship at Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS), made possible by the EJA grant.

It was a wonderful training period! I can't believe the summer has gone by so quickly. Every day was packed with memorable experiences that I am sure will be helpful to me in clinics and in legal practice.

I interned in the Employment Law Unit and dealt mostly with issues related to obtaining unemployment benefits for claimants. My time was split between researching various employment law questions, and preparing and representing clients at unemployment hearings at the Division of Unemployment Assistance. I definitely think that my legal research and writing skills have improved at GBLS, and I am also very grateful for the client contact and "mini-litigation" experience from representing clients at hearings. I am particularly glad for the experience of counseling clients and developing a professional persona through knowing that my clients trusted and depended on me.

The attorneys and other interns at GBLS have also been wonderful. I wish I could bring them back to Cornell with me so we could form our own clinic! The attorneys were very bright, encouraging, and willing to give a lot of responsibility to the students. I appreciated the way they trusted us to learn quickly on the job. The students were also very eager to help each other, and all in all, the work environment has been extremely collegial and supportive.

I would definitely recommend GBLS to other law students. My supervisor always listened when I told her what I wanted to work on, and there was no shortage of interesting projects and clients needing help. My experience was overwhelmingly positive. Thank you again for the EJA grant that made my summer possible.

Sincerely,

Ya Li
Cornell Law School, Class of 2011


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RE: Evaluation of Ya Li, Summer Legal Intern at GBLS and EJA Grant Recipient

Dear Mr. Ruben:

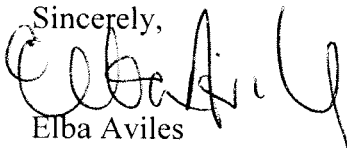
We are writing as Ya Li's supervisors during her internship in the Employment Law Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) this summer.

Ya was a total pleasure to work with. She showed an unwavering enthusiasm for wanting to help our clients by working diligently and skillfully on their behalf. Ya represented three clients at unemployment insurance hearings. These assignments required hours of client interviews, preparing clients to provide testimony, drafting direct and cross-examination questions, researching the relevant law and drafting proposed findings.

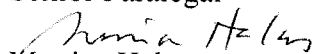
Ya also worked on a variety of legal research and writing projects for all of our unit's attorneys. In addition to thoroughly researching and writing internal memos on legal questions, she expertly drafted motions and memos for court in a class action suit. Ya's work was superb --- it was always completed in a timely manner and exhibited an impressive understanding of legal issues.

We have no doubt that Ya will become an outstanding attorney and perform well in any challenging position. Thank you for funding our legal interns so that we can continue our tradition of sharing with them our passion for public interest work.

Sincerely,



Elba Aviles
Senior Paralegal



Monica Halas
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