

July 24, 2018

Dan Ruben
Executive Director
Equal Justice American

Dear Director Dan Ruben,

This summer I had the privilege of interning with Greater Boston Legal Services, a nonprofit legal aid clinic that provides free legal assistance and representation on civil matters to the neediest of residents in the city of Boston and thirty-one surrounding cities and towns. Specifically, I was supervised by Attorney Brian Kiwanuka in the Elder, Health and Disability unit. The Elder, Health and Disability unit works to strengthen access to healthcare, advance the rights of people with disabilities, and assist families in achieving economic security.

Before law school, I earned a Master's in Social Work from Boston College while working with clientele at various nonprofits. When I finished my second year of law school, one of my main goals for my summer internship placement was to continue gaining hands-on experience working directly with clients. Greater Boston Legal Services has afforded me this opportunity.

During my time at Greater Boston Legal Services, I was assigned four adult clients with social security disability related issues and two adult clients with Medicare related issues. I conducted in-person interviews, wrote legal memos in preparation for hearings, and communicated with healthcare providers and various government agencies to gather evidence. I also engaged in legislative outreach on behalf of the Medicare Advocacy unit of Greater Boston Legal Services by meeting with the aides of our state senators and representatives.

I aim to pursue a career in the public sector by where I hope to work directly with clients in a way the unites my background in social work and the law to confront issues of social justice. My experience at Greater Boston Legal Services prepares me to enter the workforce with a professional background that highlights my desire to communicate directly with vulnerable populations. My experiences this summer have furthered my interest in working to serve those most in need. I am grateful for my time at Greater Boston Legal Services and especially to Equal Justice America for making it possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AR', written in a cursive style.

Alex Rabasco



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August 16, 2018

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Executive Director
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Dear Director Dan Ruben,

During the Summer of 2018, Alex Rabasco interned as an Equal Justice America fellow for Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS), in the Elder, Health and Disability unit. Under my supervision, Alex was assigned clients with Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Medicare related issues. Throughout her time at GBLS Alex conducted in-person client interviews, performed legal research, factual investigation, gathered evidence, assisted in Medicare Advocacy Project (MAP) legislative outreach efforts by meeting with state senators and representatives, assessed cases and wrote several types of legal memoranda.

Alex's overall performance during this internship was outstanding. Each of her assignment were addressed in a persistent and timely matter. Alex learned the relevant legal disability and Medicare coverage standards quickly, and proved to be a great asset to the GBLS team. Her factual and legal analysis was always clear, thorough and concise. She had a great rapport with staff, agencies and clients. She notably displayed a keen understanding on how to deal with clients with mental health conditions, using encouraging and empowering language to ensure that the client felt comfortable. During initial interviews with prospective clients, she was very respectful and I was confident in her ability to professionally and efficiently complete the necessary intake procedures.

In particular, Alex was crucial in the drafting and submission of an appeal memo contesting a redetermination decision denying Medicare Part B coverage. After reviewing the client's situation and medical records, Alex independently identified the correct legal standards, obtained additional records and identified relevant precedent in Medicare appeals. She drafted a comprehensive legal memorandum, incorporating the evidence and succinctly organizing it to support her strong legal arguments. This memorandum was of a quality far beyond the typical



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work product of an intern, being of such quality that it was reviewed and submitted to Medicare with no substantive edits.

Alex adequately and effectively fulfilled each of the various tasks she was assigned. I was extremely impressed with the quality of work she produced on behalf of our clients. She approached her job with dedication and compassion and will be missed tremendously in our office.

Sincerely,



Brian Kiwanuka, Esq.
Staff Attorney
Elder Health and Disability Unit