

August 16, 2018

Mr. Dan Ruben
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RE: Megan Cai Equal Justice America Summer Fellowship

Dear Mr. Ruben,

This summer I had the opportunity to work for the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia (LASEVA) at the Hampton office and was able to gain incredible legal experience while pursuing my passion for assisting vulnerable members of our society. My work at LASEVA dealt with varied subject matters including child custody, spousal support, guardianships, wills, and automobile sales fraud. I assisted attorneys with drafting various legal documents including guardianship petitions, expungement petitions, separation and property settlement agreements, wills, advance medical directives, and power of attorney documents. I am very thankful to Equal Justice America for giving me this fellowship which made it feasible for me to work for LASEVA.

The case that impacted me the most this summer was one involving a client who needed assistance acquiring guardianship of her aging husband who had advanced Alzheimer's disease and could no longer care for himself. I was responsible for drafting the guardianship petition for her case, and it was heartbreaking to hear her story about how her ex-attorney husband could no longer even dress himself or understand his own illness. Her case particularly affected me due to her husband having been a former member of the legal profession, which made me realize that

no one is immune to debilitating illness and that poverty is not an issue that is far removed from ourselves. This case opened my eyes to the reality that anyone can become afflicted with poverty often due to no fault of their own, and made me ever more determined to serve the low-income segments of our population who are most in need of legal services. The guardianship petition I helped draft has now been submitted to court, and we are awaiting the decision.

I would like to thank Equal Justice America again for making it possible for me to have these impactful experiences at LASEVA and to gain the legal knowledge required to assist clients. It was a truly rewarding experience, and I would highly recommend it to law students who wish to gain exposure to a wide variety of subject matters and to help a community in dire need of their talents.

Sincerely,

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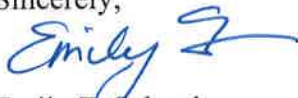
I write regarding Megan Cai, a rising third-year student at William and Mary Law School. Ms. Cai received a fellowship from Equal Justice America which allowed her to assist Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia with our serving clients throughout the summer of 2018.

Ms. Cai was a pleasant person that we were happy to have working with us. Her responsibilities included drafting documents, interviewing clients, conducting legal research, and drafting client letters. Ms. Cai submitted assignments in a timely fashion and coordinated deadlines between several attorneys ensuring assignments received the appropriate level of priority. She produced quality work and was open to constructive feedback to improve performance. In listening to her conversations with our clients, she spoke to them with respect and represented our firm and the Equal Justice America Fellowship Program well. She was very professional and courteous to both our clients and staff.

As a Staff Attorney and previous intern and Equal Justice Works Fellow, I recognize the value of our internships, fellowships, and programs like yours. I greatly appreciate your program which allows more students to work with us. On behalf of Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia we wish to thank you.

Should you need any additional information regarding Ms. Cai, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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