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*Re: Evaluation of Taylor Mitchell's EJA-supported Summer Internship*

Dear Dan and Equal Justice America:

I will keep this brief. Taylor was a superstar intern for us. He came in and immediately added value to our team as we prepared to litigate a complex evidentiary hearing in federal court in a prison healthcare case. From document review, to research for pre-hearing motions, to exhibit prep, to on-the-spot research as issues arose during the hearing, Taylor did it all, and he did it well (including putting in late nights, weekends and even once running from the courthouse to our office and back with a key piece of evidence all while in professional attire in blazing heat). The scope and fast pace of the litigation required the quick exercise of sound judgment combined with solid understanding of several different legal issues related to our presentation of evidence, and Taylor delivered on both fronts. While we await a decision from the court in that case, we do so knowing we did everything in our power to try to bring relief to the nearly 1200 women at the prison who continue to suffer serious medical complications and the risk of death because of the currently inadequate healthcare system. Taylor was an integral part of that effort and more this summer (so much so that we cajoled him into being profiled by UVA Law School for his work over the summer and how it helped spur the creation of a new clinical offering).<sup>1</sup>

Thank you for making possible Taylor's outstanding contributions to the Legal Aid Justice Center- and to the fight for justice in Virginia- this summer. EJA's commitment to supporting students like Taylor is critical to the continued push for equal justice in America.

All the best,



Adeola Ogunkeyede  
Director, Civil Rights & Racial Justice Program  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.law.virginia.edu/news/201807/law-school-offer-new-civil-rights-clinic>