

August 24, 2013

Dan Ruben
Executive Director
Equal Justice America

Dear Mr. Dan Ruben:

With the help and support of the Equal Justice America Fellowship, I've been able to work with inMotion, Inc., a non profit organization serving low income women, many of whom have been in abusive relationships. Throughout my summer, I worked on a variety of legal issues affecting inMotion, Inc. clients including immigration, family and marital law issues. I was also able to draft various documents for filings, and research legal questions for internal memos. I feel very fortunate to have been able to work at inMotion and its clients this summer, and I am grateful to have had the monetary support from this fellowship which allowed me to work at such an organization.

During the summer, one of my most rewarding experiences was working with a client on her immigration filing to help her obtain status through a VAWA self-petition on USCIS form I-360. My client was very anxious to get her application completed for filing so that she could continue to live and work in the United States without fear of deportation. My client had previously been in an abusive relationship, and it was also important for her to get her application done so that she could feel more secure and protected under the laws of the United States. I was eager to help her, and to finish her application so that it could be approved as quickly as possible. I began by conducting several interviews so that we could begin to draft her affidavits. I later also had to interview a couple of her acquaintances so that they too could provide affidavits that would support my clients petition for status. Getting her application ready was a tireless effort and required multiple interviews and countless revisions of the immigration documents that would be a part of her application. I was able to put together her application by the end of the summer and was just awaiting final approval from my supervisors before the application could be sent off. Hopefully in the coming year, my client will have obtained status here in the United States and be able to live in peace and with no fear.

I am grateful to Equal Justice America for providing funding for my summer internship, because without it, I would have likely been unable to spend the whole summer at an organization that does such important work as inMotion, Inc. It is through fellowships like this one that so many non for profit organizations can continue to recruit law students as summer interns, and I hope to continue to see and hear about the work that other fellows do in the summers to come.

Thank you again for all you support and please let me know if there is anything else that you need from me.

Sincerely,
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