

August 31, 2015

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Dear Mr. Ruben,

Thank you and Equal Justice America for supporting my summer internship at the Michigan Human Trafficking Clinic. My summer at the clinic was a fantastic educational experience that deepened my love of the law and my commitment to use my legal training to serve others.

I worked with 18 clients this summer. Each one deserves his or her own book, but I am only directed to write about two, so I will spare you too much reading.

One client was referred to the clinic this summer by the prosecutor of a case in which the client is a witness. She is a U.S. citizen and a sex trafficking victim, whose legal needs are primarily the result of many years of poverty, abuse, and drug addiction. When we first met her, she was in jail, serving the remainder of a probation because she tested positive for drugs. She had a high-risk pregnancy, so our first priority was to ensure that she received proper medical care. The jail administrators seemed unaware of her medical needs, and the person who did know about the risks of her pregnancy, the local OB/GYN, was unwilling to treat her because she owed the doctor money from a past operation. We explored a number of legal and charitable remedies – from referring her case to a prisoners' rights organization to raising the money to pay the OB/GYN. In the end, the simplest solution worked: I called the jail administrator and explained the situation. He talked to the probation officer, who talked to the judge, and our client was released from jail. She is now receiving proper medical care.

Another client was a male sex trafficking victim who has long since personally moved on from that time in his life. He is doing very well and is currently working on a master's degree. Unfortunately, because he received a felony as a result of his trafficking experience, that time in his life was not yet done with him: he had to report it on every job application and it meant potential problems when applying for state and federal licenses to practice in certain fields of work. He asked that we help him apply to have his conviction set aside under Michigan law. The application process

itself was straightforward. The only real advocacy needed was to convince a prosecutor to not object to the application for set aside. After a few long phone conversations and the dismissal of a long-forgotten misdemeanor on our client's record, both the prosecutor and the judge were willing to support and sign the order our client sought. Receiving that order was an extraordinarily important moment in our client's life. He was extremely happy and relieved to realize that he could now formally say that time in his life is entirely behind him.

I intend to be a litigator when I graduate. My work this summer in the Human Trafficking Clinic has convinced me that I will benefit the most when I am able to focus my litigation practice on representing those for whom legal representation is usually unaffordable or out of reach. The grant from Equal Justice America freed me to spend my summer learning this lesson – one that I expect will remain with me throughout my legal career.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William J. Quinn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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Re: End of Summer Evaluation of William Quinn

Dear Mr. Ruben:

I am writing to evaluate William Quinn, a law student intern, who received a Summer 2015 Equal Justice America fellowship. Thank you very much for funding William, as he was an enormous asset to the clinic this summer. He did an excellent job representing his clients, worked well with the other summer interns, and it was a true pleasure to work with him.

William completed the required ten weeks of work and all requested tasks. During the summer, William met directly with clients, wrote a memo on expungements of criminal convictions for survivors of human trafficking, attended a statewide human trafficking prevention taskforce meeting, and collaborated with other student attorneys in developing case strategies. William was always reliable, diligent, and enthusiastic.

Again, I appreciate the funding provided to William for her work this summer. I can only hope that future summer interns are as wonderful as William.

Kind Regards,

Elizabeth A. Campbell

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