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Re: Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write to express support for BABSEA and its program of clinical legal education. I am an Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Clinical Program at Florida International University College of Law in Miami, Florida. The FIU College of Law has an international internship program where we send students to selected legal and human rights organizations around the world.

I have known Bruce Lasky for ten years through the Global Alliance for Justice Education, an international association of clinical law professors and justice educators. At my invitation, Mr. Lasky visited FIU College of Law in 2008 to speak to students and faculty about the BABSEA legal summer internship program. As a result of his presentation, several students asked to apply to the internship program and the law school approved granting up to six credits for a twelve week internship.

One FIU law student did his internship in Chiang Mai during the summer of 2009 under the supervision of Mr. Lasky. I was in weekly contact with this student who sent me journals each week and copies of legal memorandum and other materials he prepared as part of his internship. A clinical professor from Catholic University Law School visited my student during the internship and reported on his progress.

The internship was a life changing experience for my student who is now focused on international human rights work. He learned a great deal and he received exceptional supervision.

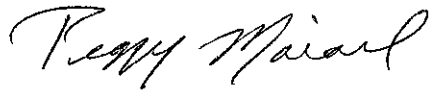
I highly recommend the BABSEA legal internship for motivated law students who want to learn about international human rights and legal systems in Southeast Asia.

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Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Peggy Maisel".

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