

October 21, 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing you this letter on behalf of Mr. Edwin Egelsee our Attorney representing our sons Albert Lee Marris and Anthony Gabriel Marris. In early 2004 both my husband Thomas Lee Marris and I Virginia Montano adopted three wonderful children. Soon and we mean very soon afterward we realized our two sons were struggling in school. It was not a normal struggle that most children experience when they do not understand a subject. This lead to a behavior problems at home as well as acting out. My instincts told me this was not normal and especially not acceptable. Anthony was far worst off than Albert was and we knew that if we did not do something they would only get worst. I wrote a letter to their school and was given an IEP appointment within a month. Needless to say we did not understand what was being stated to us other than your son Anthony's only problem was in Math. I stated to them I believe you are all wrong because I believe he is 1st struggling in English followed by Math. They stated to us that they were the experts and we needed to sigh off in the IEP or risk Anthony or Albert not receiving any services. I cried as I was signing off on that IEP and stated to them I was sure they were making a huge mistake.

At this time Mr. Edwin Egelsee was working for the Alliance for Children's Rights Firm and we contacted them. Mr. Edwin Egelsee interviewed us and accepted our case to represent our two sons. He had Anthony tested by the best professionals in their fields. He scheduled a new IEP and trust me it was no ordinary IEP at least not like the 1st one. Our Psychologist testified that Anthony was feeling so overwhelm that by the time he got home he was exploding mentally and physically. He was acting out to the only people he could trust his parents. Our son finally received the services he needed and deserved so he could get the best education possible. The school decided to give Albert the services he deserved as well.

None of my sons would have received the services they needed to succeed had Mr. Edwin Egelsee not worked so hard to perform a great job on their behalf. He listened to our cries and saw our sons had suffered enough. He did not turn a blind eye but in turn opened the school and the districts eyes. Today I am proud to say that our son Albert in spite of everything he went through is an Honor Student 3 years in a roll. Mr. Edwin Egelsee worked tirelessly on behalf of our sons and their futures.

A few weeks ago I had to ask Mr. Edwin Egelsee to reopen our son Anthony case because we feel that again he is falling through the schools cracks. I told Mr. Edwin Egelsee that I know we are bothering you again. Before I could finish my sentence he stopped me and stated "Anthony needs me and it is of no bother ever". Mr. Edwin Egelsee is again working hard and helping us yet again. I now know that without his knowledge and advise our son can and has fallen through the cracks. This time I am not scared but hopeful of the fact it is only a matter of time before Anthony is back track to his future.

All of my family share in the same feeling that Mr. Edwin Egelsee is most deserving of any and all praises and acclaims. He works tirelessly, shows extreme kindness and understanding to all his children. We believe he truly sees all his case as if they were his children 1st clients last.

Sincerely,

Virginia Montano
Parent