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Mr. Ruben,

I would like to thank you for supporting the work of Sean Brown in our clinic this summer. As the supervisor of the UDC Housing and Consumer law Clinic I have supervised Sean as a student and for his fellowship. The support of Equal Justice America enabling our clinic to have two summer fellows allowed us to serve a larger client base than we otherwise could have.

I have been the Clinic Director of the UDC Housing and Consumer Law Clinic for over 30 years. I supervised Sean while he was enrolled in the Clinic during the Spring semester and I was excited to have him continue his work through the summer. Sean has an eagerness and commitment to the work he performs for the clients.

Sean's primary responsibility this summer was to represent a client in three-forum litigation one of which was federal court. I worked closely with him as he prepared for an administrative hearing for that client. He thoroughly prepared for the case and was able to negotiate a favorable settlement for the client. He then proceeded to bring the remaining court case to a close after successfully opposing a motion in federal court. Although we worked with a law firm who represented other clients in this matter, Sean was clearly in every sense the lead counsel and intellectual leader in pleadings, strategy, and discovery. His diligent representation of that client allowed her to avoid eviction and to continue to form and operate her tenant's association.

Sean is a master of civil procedure and uses it effectively in all his cases, including his federal litigation. On short notice, he is currently writing a motion for sanctions in a discovery dispute in another complex ejectment action. He assists all his colleagues as well as this supervisor with his knowledge of procedural esoteric.

In addition to the cases for which he was primarily responsible; Sean was an asset to the clinic in assisting the new students in representing clients. He was able to help narrow and refine the

students' questions and provide guidance to resources. He was always prepared to take on additional responsibilities in other cases as they became more complex. He assisted other students in preparing witnesses for depositions and defended the deposition of a client in that case.

His assistance was valuable to the operation of the clinic this summer. In the fall we are experiencing a reduction in our staff resources for the clinic, I have asked that Sean continue to be involved with the clinic because he has been a resource in assisting new students in the clinic.

Many thanks to the Equal Justice America Summer Fellowship program for making it possible to have such great support in our clinic.

Thank you,

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