

Dear Mr. Ruben:

Working with Greater Boston Legal Services provided me with the ideal summer experience. Throughout the course of the summer, I consistently worked with about six clients at time. In addition, each week I participated in an Attorney-for-the-Day program where I personally intook one to three clients each time. Throughout the summer, I counseled around twenty different people. Because of this experience, I challenged many of my personal biases and saw how legal work can impact a community. For example, during my last day in court I worked with a client who had over \$6,400 in debt due to an alcoholic husband and three children that she raised. She wanted her children to succeed and all three made it to honor roll. But, she sacrificed her expenses. When she came into court, she had few options left. When she exited court, her case transferred to a different docket and not only will she most likely have the debt expunged, but she will also gain emotional damages. Experiences like this took law out of the law school theories and made it practice.

In addition, I gained skills I would not expect to have after a summer internship. Between drafting emergency motions, writing appellate briefs, negotiating settlement agreements, and performing multiple research projects, I now step into my second year of school with a new-found confidence. Because of this experience, I know I can rely on myself to perform and in turn properly service my clients. Thank you for this experience.

Sincerely,

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