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Dear Mr. Ruben,

I would like to thank you and Equal Justice America for giving me the opportunity to spend my 2013 summer working at Cabrini Green Legal Aid in Chicago. Over the summer I was able to meet some amazing individuals and help provide legal service to people who really needed assistance navigating the legal system.

Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA) provides free legal services to low-income Chicago residents. Their legal services include housing law, family law, criminal records, and criminal defense. One of the best things about CGLA is their emphasis on serving all of their client's needs, beyond the legal issues. Unlike many other legal aids, CGLA has Client Support Services where in house social workers help clients find employment, parenting classes, and other social services clients need.

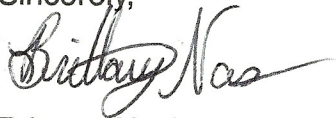
As a family law intern, I enjoyed seeing how closely the family law attorneys and social workers worked together to improve the lives of clients. Many of the clients who came to CGLA were weighed down by the adversities in their lives. I worked with clients with an array of legal issues, including those who inadvertently lost custody of their children or were victims of domestic abuse and needed help divorcing their spouse. If we only provided legal services, the clients and their families would still be faced with insurmountable problems that plague their well being and inhibit them from moving forward.

There were many rewarding aspects of my summer experience, but one of the most rewarding was the opportunity to interview clients and advocate for them during intake meetings. During the summer I conducted intakes with potential clients for both family law and criminal records. Intakes for each practice area were unique and rewarding in their own way. Family law intakes occur during a time in a potential client's life when

their family situation has broken down. When they come to CGLA, they are fearful, overwhelmed, and confused. As for criminal record intakes, the potential client has finally reached a positive place in his or her life. Although they may have had a troubled past, they have overcome their past and are seeking a second chance by cleaning their criminal record. During intake meetings, I was charged with the responsibility of advocating for the potential client by presenting their story to attorneys, interns, and volunteers. There was a lot on the line for the potential client, which made presenting their story a very important part of the accepting process.

Cabrini Green Legal Aid is an amazing organization staffed with phenomenal and brilliant attorneys. Working there this summer was an inspiring and motivating opportunity that helped me grow as an aspiring attorney and as an individual. I am truly thankful for the support I received from Equal Justice America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brittany Nash". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Brittany Nash