

September 7, 2007

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Dear Mr. Ruben:

I am writing this letter to thank Equal Justice America for the grant I received this summer, which allowed me to work for Legal Aid of Nebraska and help provide legal services to the low-income residents of Nebraska. Without the grant, I would have been financially unable to work for Legal Aid.

As part of Legal Aid of Nebraska's Native American Program, I was able to work closely with my supervising attorney on all aspects of litigation. Working within the tribal courts was a unique experience, but the problems facing Nebraska's Native American population are not unique. As part of Legal Aid's staff I helped to challenge health service coverage denials, enforce child support orders, and obtain the divorces and custody orders sought by our clients. Throughout the summer I was given responsibility for handling cases, from client interaction, to research, to the drafting and filing of pleadings and the associated briefs. I believe that I would have been unable to obtain similar experience in a typical law firm setting and I certainly would have been unable to help indigent clients and learn about the problems they face without Equal Justice America's grant. As well as valuable experience litigating, Legal Aid provided in depth training on both the legal and emotional issues facing victims of domestic violence as well as workshops on estate planning for Native Americans.

I must stress that without the grant from Equal Justice America, none of this would have been possible.

Thank you,
Daniel J. MacMillan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan MacMillan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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