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Dear Mr. Ruben,

Over two years ago, thanks to funding from EJA, I started work as a legal intern at Legal Clinic for the Disabled (LCD) in Philadelphia, PA. Located in Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, LCD provides free legal representation to low-income, disabled residents from five counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania. LCD is a six-attorney agency that relies on the entire team to facilitate problems as smoothly as possible.

This summer, as a certified court representative, I continued to represent clients in family court hearings. I had the opportunity to work closely with client Victoria B. under the supervision of staff attorney Ben Beck-Coon. We helped to represent her at a custody hearing for a young teenager. The opportunity gave me excellent insight into the child custody hearing situation.

Additionally, I helped a deaf client finalize her divorce with an abusive, long-estranged husband. Under the supervision of attorney Esther Miller, I filed all of the paperwork for the client's divorce, which in turn helped her conclude financial matters she'd delayed because of her marital status. Finally, this summer I was responsible for writing LCD's annual report, which entailed collecting client success stories and analyzing our success rates.

This summer presented an excellent opportunity for me to learn more about public interest representation. I was able to meet clients from a variety of backgrounds and learn from LCD staff attorneys on how to deal with a number of issues. Working at LCD gave me the invaluable opportunity to network in the public interest world firsthand. Thank you to EJA for giving me the chance to help those most in need of care.

Warmest Regards,

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