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Dear Mr. Ruben,

My fellowship at Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation "A" has been invaluable. My supervisor, Susan Barrie, was exceptional. She took the time to explain things to me and she also had work for me to do and guidance and advice to give. The advice and guidance I was given from my supervisor as well as from other attorneys was extremely helpful and educational.

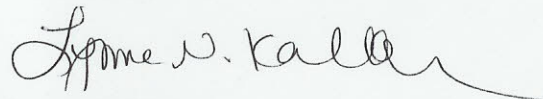
During my fellowship I primarily did research on various issues within family law, such as adoption, child support modification and termination of parental rights. I also had the opportunity to meet with a grandmother who wanted to adopt her granddaughter, and complete the necessary adoption petition papers for her.

Aside from working in the office I also accompany my supervisor, Susan Barrie, to court on several occasions. While in court I attended conferences, and meetings with clients. Prior to entering each courtroom, conference and meeting, Susan gave me the background of each case and explained the situation and what lay before us. I was able to read through all the court papers and bring new ideas on how to strengthen our position.

One particular assignment I had involved a disabled child and her mother. The child became disabled at birth due to the delivery doctor's negligence. The doctor responsible settled and set up a trust fund for the child. Two issues arose in this case. The first was that a recent account of the trust fund was not done. There was approximately \$40,000 missing from the fund and unaccounted for. Aside from the unaccounted for money, the child and her mother were living in a house that was not equipped to properly manage the child's disability. Previously, the child's law guardian refused to petition the court to allow money from the fund to be used to help pay for appropriate housing. I had to go to court and look through the entire file to compile the papers that would be needed for an accounting. I then had to contact an attorney to review the file and compile a complete, recent account of the trust fund. I then did further research to strengthen our case for petitioning the court to allow money from the trust fund to be used to buy appropriate housing. The second issue that arose involved payment of rent. At first the rent money was directly paid to the landlord out of the checks the mother was receiving from the government. Then payment stopped. The mother was in rent arrears of over \$1,000. I had to contact various charities and city agencies to try to get funds to prevent eviction. After many calls and pleas, we were able to get enough money to prevent the eviction and we were working towards preventing the problem from arising again,

I enjoyed every hour I spent working at Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation "A". My work there has intensified my desire to work in public interest.

Very truly yours,



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