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Dear Mr. Ruben:

This summer, I had the opportunity to be a Law Clerk at Nevada Legal Services, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

I knew that Nevada had the country's highest unemployment rate, but did not get a chance to experience what that meant until my summer in Las Vegas. In stark contrast to the glamour and excess of the Las Vegas strip was the poverty that many of the citizens of Las Vegas suffered. Whether their landlords were mistreating them, or they were seeking divorce from abusive spouses, our office gave them all a chance to, at the very least, tell their story.

I served the community in a myriad of ways. From writing letters to clients, to representing them in benefits appeals hearings, I served the city of Las Vegas by helping my clients better understand the legal system and help them make better decisions regarding their legal concerns. In addition to direct representation, Nevada Legal Services participated in numerous community outreach programs, both in Las Vegas and in the more rural parts of Nevada.

In Las Vegas, I was fortunate to participate in Ask a Lawyer clinics, classes teaching participants how to operate in Small Claims Court, and even got a chance to play radio host on a one-hour segment entitled "So You Want to Go to Law School". These efforts were aimed at informing the citizens of Nevada that there was a way to utilize the law, even if one could not afford a high-priced lawyer. Additionally, Nevada Legal Services ventured out of Las Vegas and in to rural Nevada. Not too many people know about the regions of Nevada outside of Las Vegas, and this is reflected in the lack of attention to the poverty that exists in rural Nevada. Nevada Legal Services ventured to the more rural regions and hosted clinics in the bankruptcy, housing, and family law.

My summer with Nevada Legal Services provided me with a great opportunity to experience what it is like to have a career in legal aid, and strengthened my desire to help the marginalized and impoverished members of society. Without Equal Justice America's support, my summer in Las Vegas would not have been possible. I offer my sincere and deepest gratitude, and hope that I can make Equal Justice America proud by continuing to help out and support the community throughout my legal career.

Sincerely,

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