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Dan Ruben
Equal Justice America
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13540 East Boundary Road
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

My Summer Fellowship at Brooklyn Legal Services in the Individual Housing unit was a great experience, and has inspired me to continue to work in public interest in the future.

My daily duties included going to housing court with my supervising attorney, attending administrative hearings at the Housing Authority, conducting intake at two community centers, and conducting legal research when at the primary office. I drafted an Article 78 proceeding in response to an eviction notice and also helped write other motions which were presented in court. I learned about legal defenses available in response to holdover proceedings, such as no notice of eviction, no written lease, or denial of a fair hearing. I also learned that nonpayment cases can often be resolved by negotiating with landlord's attorneys.

My internship allowed me to learn more about how public housing works, and also what it is like to work in direct client services. The importance of the work that Brooklyn Legal Services does was a large part of why I wanted to work there, and this fellowship made that possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to work at this wonderful organization.

Sincerely,

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