

Dear Mr. Ruben,

This summer I was a summer clerk at Public Counsel in Los Angeles. I worked in their Early Care and Education Law Unit (ECE), which is a subdivision of their Community Development Project. The purpose of the ECE unit is to increase quality early-care and daycare in Los Angeles County by providing free legal services to small business owners who provide daycare to low-income children. These services include: transactional work, public education, and legal research.

On paper, the job sounds straightforward; in reality, it was anything but. Over the course of the summer I was a hand holder, an advocate, a sympathetic ear and a practical voice. People called me when their livelihoods were at stake and they truly needed my help. I quickly learned that good lawyers do two things well: first, they are able competently to interpret and distil the law for clients. Second, they understand the emotional state of the client and the role this will play in interactions with the clients. I am glad that my time with Public Counsel trained me in both these areas.

In conclusion, I have to thank you again for your generous support. The stipend I received from your organization allowed me to take a public interest position this year. This in turn, allowed me to help a number of daycare providers who, in turn, were able to help many more low-income children.

Sincerely,

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