

October 1, 2018

Mr. Dan Ruben
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Dear Mr. Ruben,

My name is Sarah Bleiberg and I am a third year law student at the University of Pennsylvania. I spent this past summer as an intern at Public Justice in Washington DC. Public Justice is a non-profit law firm which pursues high impact cases in a number of different issue areas including economic justice, the environment, predatory corporate conduct, civil rights and government abuse. My role as an intern this summer was to support Public Justice attorneys working across these issues by providing legal research and producing first drafts of court documents. I went into this summer excited to learn more about impact litigation and my experience at Public Justice far exceeded my expectations.

One of the best things about my summer experience was the opportunity to improve my legal writing through practice and receiving feedback. I was also able to work on assignments which required different types of writing. I worked on an article for a trade publication highlight a case in which Public Justice was successful in having court documents unsealed as an example of how court secrecy can be a danger to public safety. I also worked on a paper to be presented at a conference about qualified immunity. These opportunities were an excellent addition to improve my writing and to practice writing non-legal documents.

I also had the unique opportunity this summer of working on a case that will be heard this term by the U.S. Supreme Court. I very much enjoyed the opportunity to work with the attorneys on the case and see how they made strategic decisions about how they would make a certain argument, and to be able to contribute to the research that went into their brief. Especially as an intern it was exciting to contribute to such a high level of litigation and learn more about how this work is done.

Another great aspect of my summer was the ability to learn about new issues that I had not previously explored. I worked on a couple of cases with Public Justice's Food Project, an effort to use litigation to create more sustainable and environmentally friendly food systems. The cases I worked on involved holding factory farms and large food manufacturers accountable for the damage they cause to the environment in an attempt to make as much money as possible by producing massive amounts of food. In addition to learning more about these environmental issues, I also learned more about the way that lawyers can craft a long term legal strategy. These cases involve the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the lawyers I worked with were able to develop novel legal theories under this statute to bring about positive change.

I hope to one day be an appellate litigator working on important issues that I care deeply about and my experience at Public Justice gave me the opportunity to better

understand how this work is done and to confirm that it is what I want to do with my career. Thank you very much for supporting my work this summer. I learned so much in my time at Public Justice and am grateful to Equal Justice America for supporting my work and allowing me to have this experience.

Sincerely,

Sarah Bleiberg
University of Pennsylvania



August 7, 2018

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Dear Mr. Ruben,

My name is Leah Nicholls and I am a Staff Attorney at Public Justice. I am responsible for coordinating our legal internship program, and oversaw Sarah Bleiberg's work with multiple attorneys at our organization this summer.

Public Justice is a public interest law firm that pursues high impact cases in a number of different issue areas including economic justice, environmental sustainability, predatory corporate conduct, civil rights, and government abuse. Most of our attorneys work across issue areas, and Sarah worked with a number of different attorneys on cases spanning our portfolio.

During her internship, Sarah did extensive factual and legal research and drafted memos evaluating possible novel avenues for holding a major corporation accountable for its devastating impact on the environment and food chain. Her work on this project laid the foundation for a potentially groundbreaking case. Sarah's research and writing were excellent to begin with, and she responded graciously and promptly to feedback. Her contributions to developing this case will continue to be felt long after her departure.

Sarah also played a vital role in our case currently pending before the U.S. Supreme Court, *New Prime, Inc. v. Oliveira*. The case involves the ability of truck drivers who are systematically misclassified and paid less than minimum wage to seek redress in court. Sarah worked to assemble an appendix of over one hundred sources that support our position.

Sarah conducted a number of smaller legal research projects on a variety of issues, including class certification in a debtors' prison case, the keeping of key documents about a product's safety being kept under seal, the scope of privilege, and first amendment concerns in the context of multinational beef producers.

In addition, Sarah worked on projects that involved non-legal writing including researching and drafting a portion of a presentation on qualified immunity and drafting an article for publication in a plaintiff's lawyer magazine discussing the work of our court secrecy project.

Overall, Sarah was a pleasure to have in our office, and the attorneys she worked with had only positive things to say about her work and working with her. We thank EJA for making it possible for Sarah to join us at Public Justice this summer, and we trust that she will make an excellent advocate for the public interest in the future.

I am happy to answer any other questions you may have about Sarah's internship. You can reach me at lnicholls@publicjustice.net or (202) 861-5249.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah M. Nicholls". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Leah M. Nicholls