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Mr. Dan Ruben, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

By way of introduction, I am a current 4L flex student at Elisabeth Haub School of Law, Pace University. I am preparing for graduation in May 2023, and I decided to use my last year as a student to devote some time and attention to developing practical skills that will help me as an attorney after graduation. I chose to apply for the Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic because my career so far has mostly been devoted to working on the Plaintiff's side of disability discrimination, sexual harassment and other workplace injustices.

I have been a litigation paralegal for over 20 years, and I have enjoyed assisting with cases where individuals have been victims of workplace discrimination, but I wanted to enhance my knowledge and learn about other areas of the law where discrimination is present and lend my hand in helping those in need.

My time this semester working at the Disability Rights Clinic has proven to be very beneficial in developing my knowledge in other areas of the law that deal with discrimination, including, but not limited to, estate planning, housing rights, guardianship matters, end of life and health care decisions, etc. It has also broadened my understanding of disability rights beyond those in the workplace. Discrimination is everywhere and I firmly believe it is our job to help the disabled know their rights and find their voice.

I also came to understand the importance of the National Disability Employment Awareness Month and Down Syndrome Awareness Month and had an article published in the local paper bringing attention to not only these important crusades, but to the Disability Rights Clinic as well. I also had the honor of writing to two (2) organizations in Westchester County who provide cancer support, free of charge, to their clients in an effort to develop a reciprocal referral system with the clinic.

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It has been a pleasure working with my colleagues and collaborating as a team on how to handle inquiries assigned to us. The mentoring provided by the Clinic Director, Patricia Angley, has been invaluable. During our weekly seminar, she presented to us different areas of the law and taught us the best way to handle inquiries, cases, and guided us on the best way to give advice to potential clients to help them with their particular situation.

Overall, it has been a very rewarding experience, but it is also always good to learn how to improve, while also continuously being encouraged that what we are doing as student interns is beneficial and helpful to those in need of our services.

I personally thank you for this opportunity and I hope to see more students, particular flex students, work at the clinic. The involvement with Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic has not only enhanced my skill set, but it has also deepened my desire to continue in this field of law.

Very truly yours,



Corrin Cicoria,
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