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Dear Mr. Ruben,

My name is Kaila Kuschman and I am a 3L at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. This past fall semester I had the opportunity to work at the Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic at John Jay Legal Services, Inc. I am writing this letter to thank you for giving Pace students an opportunity to work in this clinic. For me, this experience working as a student attorney was integral to developing my skills for my career post-graduation.

Throughout this semester, I had the humbling experience of providing legal services to people with disabilities and gained experience and knowledge that I could not have gained in the classroom. I have always had a passion for assisting students with disabilities, but having the opportunity to work in the clinic, I have gained a new understanding that people with disabilities need more assistance in the legal realm. Working with the clients in the clinic has given me a new appreciation and perspective that will help me become well-rounded as an attorney.

My partner and I faced many intricate problems, one, in particular, was the distribution of an international bequest. We were given the unique opportunity to counsel the client on how to handle this situation. Through this phone call, we had to quickly learn how to make legalese understandable for the layman, to be patient with questions, and most importantly the necessity of being empathetic. This is an opportunity I wouldn't have had during my law school career without the clinic.

While working at this clinic I was able to develop my communication skills, but more importantly, gain confidence in my ability to interact with clients. I will forever be grateful for this opportunity and am so glad other students here at Pace have the chance to work in the Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic. Thank you for this rewarding opportunity.

Sincerely,

Kaila Kuschman