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Dear Mr. Ruben,

We wanted to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support of the Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic at Elisabeth Haub School of Law. Our names our Emily and Ugo and we were assigned to work on cases together while having the privilege of participating in the Clinic this semester.

I, Emily, am a full time 3L student who joined the Equal Justice America Disability Rights Clinic to develop real-world skills, serve my community, and better understand how compassionate, client-centered advocacy can make a difference. This experience has exceeded every expectation.

My outreach experiences in the community were among the most impactful parts of the semester. Through the Livable Communities Outreach and Senior Law Day, both in Westchester County, New York, I had the privilege of speaking with seniors, distributing health care proxies, and helping community members navigate complex medical-decision-making tools. These conversations taught me how powerful it can be simply to provide clear information and a listening ear, and how disability and elder law advocacy often begins long before any formal legal document is drafted. I witnessed firsthand how access to knowledge can ease fear, restore agency, and strengthen trust.

My client experiences were equally formative, marked by both successes and difficult conversations. Throughout the semester, Ugo and I navigated complex estate planning matters, had a very difficult conversation with a client about the limits of our representation, and worked through cases involving intricate assets like international timeshares. Even when outcomes were not what we hoped for, clients' gratitude reaffirmed the value of our efforts.

Looking back on the semester, I am filled with immense gratitude for having had this experience. Your support made every outreach event, client conversation, and learning opportunity possible. Thank you for believing in this work.

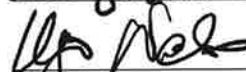
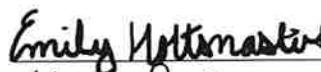
My name is Ugo Nebo. Thank you for establishing the Equal Justice Disability Rights Clinic at John Jay Legal Services, Inc. - Elisabeth Haub School of Law. Your dedication is appreciated. As a 4L Flex student balancing full-time work and part-time studies, I doubted I could gain practical experience, but the clinic proved to be one of the most enriching aspects of my legal education.

Working with real clients was a truly humbling and eye-opening experience for me. I enjoyed the chance to conduct legal research, draft wills, and explore new issues I hadn't thought of before. We handled several cases, including a complex one involving a potential brain and organ donation, which came about when the client asked for specific provisions in his will. Although we couldn't ultimately help him because his needs exceeded what the clinic could provide, it was a valuable learning experience for Emily and me to understand our limits in client work and the importance of making thoughtful referrals.

We enjoyed listening to different speakers who shared their experiences on topics like human rights law, mental health, and governmental benefits. It really helped us understand how disability rights connect to other legal fields. The simulation and role-playing exercises were the most impactful parts of my clinic experience. I realized that you can't just stick to a script when talking to someone whose life is affected by your advice; that lesson has stayed with me. I also appreciated participating in a community outreach event with seniors and local vendors. Connecting with the community we serve, distributing materials, and answering questions about healthcare proxies made the experience truly meaningful and impactful.

I'm grateful for your inspiring vision for creating this clinic. It means a lot to Flex students like me who are taking a different path from traditional law school enrollment. Your generosity has significantly shaped my perspective on practicing law. I sincerely appreciate the positive impact this clinic has had on my law school experience.

With gratitude,



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