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Dan Ruben
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Dear Mr. Ruben,

As a summer instructor for the Summer Enrichment Law Academy and the Street Law Program with Rutgers School of Law-Newark, I have participated in two major community programs. Researching various summer programs throughout the city of Newark to which I could volunteer and contribute, led me first to The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of the Ironbound.

The Boys and Girls Club of the Ironbound has a seven-week summer camp that is open to a very diverse group of youth from within the community. The kids participate in various activities and learning exercises. After speaking with the program coordinator, I was invited to teach the basic concepts of law to campers who were in the age group of 11-14. Every Monday I taught approximately thirty kids. On the first day, I facilitated icebreakers and asked the campers for feedback on various topics that they were interested in which were quite a few. We have covered the basics of topics including criminal law, constitutional law (mainly freedom of speech), landlord and tenant law, and we spent a great deal on current area of major concern, bullying.

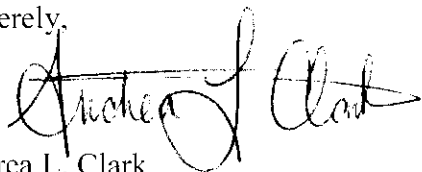
Many of the students have been extremely engaged. I have allowed them to read laws and fact patterns to their classmates, participate in small groups to solve an issue, share their own related stories and experiences, and take leadership roles through mock

trials. It has been rewarding to see how intelligent the students are at such an early age, and how technology and media contribute to that knowledge.

I also had the privilege of participating in mentoring sessions with the incoming seventh graders admitted to the Rutgers Future Scholars Program. The Rutgers Future Scholars Program is designed to aid students who come from low-income backgrounds, to prepare for and succeed in college. As part of the program, newly admitted students visit the Rutgers campus for tours and activities. I had an opportunity to spend time with the students for a couple of hours discussing the road to college and graduate school. Many of the students were very interested in the field of law so I spent much of my time with them answering questions and rousing critical thinking skills. The session was extremely successful because the students left with a better understanding of the law and their rights and responsibilities as citizens even at a young age.

These two distinct programs allowed me to uphold my responsibility to the community. Not only did I help others to learn but I was able to learn as well. Teaching and talking to the kids about topics that I am mastering helps to reinforce my knowledge. Any questions that I could not answer encouraged me to research and learn more about a particular area. I believe my dedication to the youth this summer will inspire them to make positive decisions leading them to a more fulfilling future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea L. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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