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Dan Ruben
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

I write to thank you and Equal Justice America for sponsoring my work at Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto (CLSEPA) this past semester. As a fellow in CLSEPA's Housing Program, I assisted clients with negotiating with landlords and responding to evictions – a rewarding experience that taught me much about the role of the law in the difficulties facing low-income tenants and reaffirmed my commitment to a public service career.

In eleven weeks at CLSEPA, I logged 120 hours and handled ten cases, managing seven of them from start to finish. Not all of them concluded in the way that I hoped they would, but in each case, with the help of the dedicated staff of CLSEPA, I was able to work with clients to attempt to achieve results that aligned with their interests and values. And in a few cases, we were able to succeed in securing the result that the client had hoped for when he or she first walked through our door.

This first year of law school has been a stimulating and exciting time – full of new friends, new concepts, new realizations, and new ambitions – and my time at CLSEPA has been among the my most invigorating experiences. With your help, I was able to contribute to an organization and cause that I care deeply about, and I was able to gain knowledge and skills that I am sure will help me as much as anything I learned in class this year.

Thank you for creating and leading such an important program, and for giving me the opportunity to be a part of it. Best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,



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