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Dan Ruben
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RE: Summer 2012 Fellowship Experience

Dear Mr. Ruben:

Receiving the Equal Justice America Summer Fellowship this past summer provided me the opportunity to work as a law instructor for the Street Law Program's Summer Enrichment Law Academy (SELA). My partner and I worked with the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club summer program in the Ironbound section of Newark, NJ. It was a very positive experience that I would not have had in the absence of the Fellowship.

This summer, the Boys and Girls Club of the Ironbound had a seven-week summer camp open to the youth in the surrounding community. The camp had many activities for the students throughout the day but lacked an educational component. The camp coordinator was very receptive to our outreach and gladly welcomed the Street Law Program to add an educational component. Every Monday, my partner and I taught lessons on law including landlord tenant, criminal law, cyberbullying, intellectual property, and constitutional law. We had a relatively large class of approximately 30 students between the ages of 9 through 11 and despite their young age, they were very receptive and engaged in the weekly sessions.

I have been a volunteer instructor for Street Law for just over a year and can honestly say that this summer's experience has been my most positive with the program. The camp coordinators, staff, and students were all noticeably appreciative and excited about the lessons taught and our visits. Many times, students would approach us after lessons and ask questions about the topics discussed. This was very rewarding as it made me know that they were genuinely interested in the subject matter and gaining valuable knowledge throughout the summer that they would not otherwise have had the opportunity to. The overall sentiment and reception toward the program made me know that we were making a positive difference and contribution.

By partnering with a local community organization, I had the opportunity to educate a wonderful group of school aged children. Overall, my experience this past summer reinforced the passion and commitment I have always had with regard to education and community service and feel that this experience exemplifies these values in a most positive way.

Sincerely,



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