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Mr. Daniel Ruben  
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

This summer I had an amazing experience as a law clerk with the Children's Law Center. The attorneys at the Children's Law Center are guardian ad litem, who represent abused and neglect children in the foster care system. As law clerks we were paired up with three attorneys, who would serve as our mentors, supervisors and teachers. They were the ones who would give us our assignments each day. My attorneys, and the rest of the staff at the Children's Law Center, were incredibly supportive and wonderful to work with. They were always making sure that I was having the best internship experience possible.

The work that I did as a law clerk at CLC was interesting and varied. I was able to attend many court hearings, mediations, Family Team meetings, and meetings with our clients. I learned an incredible amount just from observing these proceedings. I also communicated a lot with teachers, social workers, and school administrators on a daily basis. Sometimes I would be writing a memo and doing legal research, and other days I would be calling schools in New York City to try to find a suitable school placement for our client.

My favorite part of my experience at CLC was my interaction with our clients. After working on a case for awhile, it was great to be able to meet the clients and put a face to a name. It was a great motivator to meet the person and see who your work would be benefiting. I met some of our infant clients and daycares and was able to play with them for awhile and see how they were doing. I visited foster homes and played with a four year old boy who was a client, and at the end of the visit he was hugging us and didn't want us to leave. Some of our clients were teenagers who had children of their own. One of my favorite client visits was when I visited one of our pregnant teen clients at a teen mother's home. She had just moved in to the home the night before, and didn't have any groceries or toiletries. The investigator and I took her out to lunch and then went shopping with her to buy her groceries and toiletries. It was great to be able to spend time with her and help her get settled into her new home.

Overall, my experience at the Children's Law Center was a very positive one. My experience at CLC has strengthened my desire to go into public interest law and legal services when I graduate from law school this May.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Lambert".

Emily Lambert  
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