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Dan Ruben
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

First, I want to say thank you to Equal Justice America for generously funding my summer internship at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago. My commitment to public interest law is strong, but without EJA, I may not have been able to work at LAF over the summer. I truly appreciate the effort your organization puts into enabling students like myself to hold otherwise-unpaid internships.

Second, I want to tell you a little bit about the experience I had at LAF. I worked in the downtown office of the organization, under the supervision of a young attorney who was perhaps the best supervisor I have ever had. She was an excellent teacher and a brilliant attorney. With her guidance and support, as well as the guidance and support of other attorneys in our group, I quickly began doing intake interviews with potential clients.

My most memorable experience at LAF involved helping a client who had an eviction proceeding brought against him. The management of his building had not served him with a proper notice of intent to terminate tenancy. I wrote and argued a motion to dismiss on behalf of our client, and won the case. The most exciting part was calling the client after my supervisor and I returned to the office, and letting him know that he could stay in his home.

As I mentioned earlier, my commitment to public interest law is strong. But, I can say with certainty that after my summer at LAF, my commitment is even stronger. Being able to help people in need was a truly rewarding experience, and I very much look forward to graduating from law school and beginning my career as a public-interest attorney.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ilana Morady
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