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Dear Mr. Ruben:

I am writing to describe the highlights of my summer experience, funded in part by an Equal Justice America Fellowship. I would like to once again thank you and your organization for the funding that you provided.

For approximately ten weeks, I interned with the Farmworker Division of the Georgia Legal Services Program. While the Division's work varies, nearly all of its cases deal with wage and hour claims for farmworkers, many of whom are H-2A workers from Mexico. Over the course of the summer, I had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of GLSP's work. I conducted outreach, initial interviews, and settlement discussions with clients and other farmworkers. I assisted with pre-filing investigation and damage calculations for ongoing or potential litigation. In addition, I spent much of my time doing legal research and writing, covering topics such as federal common law and federal question jurisdiction, civil RICO, and contract law. I was also able to practice my Spanish at length, and I'm happy to report that it's once again at a level that I'm comfortable using professionally.

My summer experience was an antidote to the traditional first-year law school education, and it reinvigorated me for the coming year. The most influential experiences came from the daily opportunities I had to interact with clients, either by phone from our office in Atlanta or in labor camps or other areas where staff did outreach. I met dozens of farmworkers, and along the way, I learned about their homes, their families and livelihood, and the immigration process that led them to work in agriculture in the United States. That was invaluable for me, and it influenced how I think about employment law, the accessibility of justice to the poor, the U.S. temporary immigration system, and even the food I eat. In short, the client-centered part of the internship had transformative effects on me, both professionally and personally.

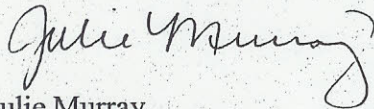
Another part of my internship that I found particularly satisfying was the opportunity to interact and work so closely with the small office's lawyers and paralegal. There are only three lawyers in the office – all young, bright, and committed to public service. They were excited by their work, devoted to their clients, and interested in the nuance of

employment law that their cases required. Since we typically ate lunch and traveled for outreach together, I had countless chances to ask all of my burning questions. The Director of the Division also organized a training for farmworker interns at multiple organizations in which I was able to participate. I came away from the internship feeling like I had a good idea of what legal services lawyers serving migrant farmworkers do and what life is like as a young lawyer in public interest. I also had the opportunity to attend an evidentiary hearing and deposition for one of our clients.

Finally, I was struck by how captivated I was by both civil procedure and employment law. I had loved my civil procedure course during my 1L year, taught by a former farmworker litigator, so it was exciting to see those concepts in action during my summer internship. I am now considering future classes with a focus on procedure and the possibility of taking an individual writing course to expand on some of the writing I did at GLSP that had a procedural focus. While working on some of the office's cases, I was also able to learn a lot about the Fair Labor Standards Act and was surprised, despite the Act's age, just how many gray areas of the law still surround it. This summer hit home to me how important it will be for me to find a job that promises not only a social justice mission, but also opportunities for creative applications of the law.

Thanks once again, and please let me know if I can provide any additional information about my experience with GLSP. I am happy to talk about it.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Murray". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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