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Dear Mr. Ruben,

Thank you once again for giving me the opportunity to intern this past Spring. From January to May, I spent two days a week at the Legal Clinic for the Disabled, Inc. (LCD) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Located at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, this five-attorney office provides free legal services to low-income, physically disabled persons living in five counties in Pennsylvania. LCD provides assistance in Consumer Protection, Estate Planning, Family Law, Housing and Benefits. As a continuing intern (I started in Fall 2010), I assisted with divorce, guardianship, custody rights, Medicaid/Medicare benefits, housing and more.

I continued work on the case of Gwendolyn, a 56-year old terminally ill woman with a brain tumor whose father died without a will. We helped her apply for a local scholarship fund offered by a nonprofit that covered her fees and then we went through the process of transferring the title to her name. I had sole responsibility for filing inheritance taxes and worked with the state office to facilitate the filings. We optimistically hope to resolve her matter and help her get the deed to her father's house at the end of this summer.

I was responsible for completing two divorces, from first filing to final filing for two disabled clients. Fifty-six year old Lynette faced an abusive situation, but couldn't afford a divorce lawyer. I finished her divorce this past spring. I also helped in the divorce matter of Catrina, a young mother with a debilitating disability. She cried tears of joy when I told her the divorce went through. Through that process, I learned much about local rules governing divorce and am now responsible for other divorces. I also helped LCD compile and write their Annual Report and worked with a volunteer graphic designer to design and edit the copy. It was the first time ever that LCD was able to hand out professional quality annual reports to their stakeholders.

Being able to continue my internship provided me with an invaluable learning tool. Since I was given the opportunity through EJA to continue my fall internship, I maintained a good relationship with several long-time clients and was able to learn additional legal procedures from LCD staff attorneys. I very much appreciate the opportunity to intern during Spring 2011 and would like to once again thank you for your support.

Regards,

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