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Dear Mr. Dan Ruben,

I am writing this letter to say thank you. Over this past summer, I was able to work full time at Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles at their Eviction Defense Center for 10 weeks due to your generous fellowship. It was a wonderful experience and I believe that I learned more about civil procedure in those 10 weeks than in an entire semester in law school! Also, it was through my experience at LAFLA's EDC that made me realize how interested I am in pursuing litigation. Prior to this summer, I thought that I was only interested in transactional law, but this summer helped me to understand the thrill and satisfaction of litigation.

My responsibilities at my time at LAFLA included a myriad of things. Every morning I had appointments with clients so that I could go over their cases with them and prepare the appropriate documents (such as general denials, answers, ex parte applications) for them so that they could go to court and file pro per. After they received a trial date, they would come back for one of our trial preparation clinics which aim for community education. During a 30-45 minute class, taught by the other summer student and I, the clients would learn about general court procedure, what to expect and how to behave. After the class, I would meet with each client one-on-one to go over their case so that I could help them figure out their legal defenses (if they had any) and discuss strategy (whether they should go to trial or try and negotiate a settlement). I believe these trial preparation clinics were the highlight of my summer. I learned so much through these sessions and my supervising attorney, Anthony Roh, was incredibly helpful and patient.

I also had many research assignments and even helped in some drafts of appellate briefs and differing motions in some of the cases that various attorneys had retained. In fact, I was able to retain a case after an initial interview and sent out discovery as well! Overall, it was an amazing 1L summer and I'm very glad that I chose Legal Aid. And it is all thanks to Equal Justice America. Thank you very much for your support and I hope that your program continues on to help other law students!

Very truly yours,

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