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Via Email

Dear Mr. Ruben:

My name is Lori Boozer and I am a second year student at Boston College Law School. I had the honor of receiving an Equal Justice America Summer Fellowship to fund my legal services experience this past summer. I spent my summer at South Brooklyn Legal Services in Brooklyn, New York where I had a very rewarding and challenging experience.

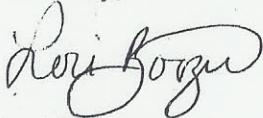
The interesting aspect of my summer experience was that I participated in the HIV/AIDS unit. The office itself has several units, including government benefits and housing; however, the HIV/AIDS unit encompasses aspects of each unit in its attempt to provide clients who are not only poor, but also dealing with the debilitating effects of HIV/AIDS, with comprehensive and accessible legal assistance. As a result, I was able to work on a variety of issues, including evictions, health insurance access, divorce and guardianship, the drafting of wills, and access to government benefits. I was surprised by the level of responsibility that I was given in each of these areas, being trusted to solve the problems of each client, assist in the preparation of legal documents, and appear in court with my supervising attorney. My most memorable experience would be the opportunity that I had to represent a client in an administrative hearing to receive Social Security benefits. I was allowed to prepare the argument and exhibits to submit to court, along with questions used to conduct client interviews and to examine the client in front of the judge. As most people say, "I could not believe they let me do this as a 1L," but I am thankful to have had such a meaningful and interesting opportunity.

I highly recommend South Brooklyn Legal Services to anyone who is interested in returning to New York to do legal services work. In general, I strongly believe that everyone should have and should be encouraged to have at least one direct legal services experience helping the poor during law school. It is a great way to give something back to the community and to really use a variety of skills while working directly with people. I left my summer knowing that there is much good to be done, and much that I can do

with my talents as an attorney and I have now committed myself to a career in public interest legal work.

My sincerest gratitude goes to Equal Justice America for its continued dedication to providing funding to students interested in working in the public sector. Without your support my experience and many others like it might not have been possible. Please continue to motivate and support students to pursue the field of public interest and providing legal assistance to America's poor communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Boozer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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