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Dan Ruben  
Executive Director at Equal Justice America  
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Dear Mr. Ruben:

With the generous support of Equal Justice America, I was able to intern with the Consumer Law Group of the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago. My time here has been incredibly worthwhile and I will look back to LAF as one of the first places at which my pending law degree came to life.

The clients I served at LAF included individuals dealing with a variety of legal issues. One of my earliest cases included a client who faced the possibility of losing her home based on a judgment lien creditors held against her deceased husband's share of the property. My research into the intersection between joint tenancy relationships and judgment liens directly affected the outcome of the case so that opposing counsel dismissed.

Further, I helped my supervising attorney conduct several intake interviews with clients. One client was an elderly lady who wanted to file Chapter 13 bankruptcy in order to save her home. With her memory fading, the client could not remember the details about her income and expenses so that I perused multiple pages of bank statements, tax returns, and other old files in order to provide accurate figures for the bankruptcy filing. As the last week of my internship neared, the client and her family repeatedly expressed that they were sad to see me go but were hopeful for my future as an attorney.

Thus, my experiences working directly for and alongside low-income clients at LAF demonstrated the practicality of my law degree, as well as renewed and refueled my motivations to advocate on others' behalves. I would like to thank Equal Justice America for the role you have played in this process.

Sincerely,

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