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Dear Dan Ruben,

This summer I had the pleasure of interning for Women Empowered Against Violence (currently Washington Empowered Against Violence) "WEAVE". WEAVE provides holistic legal and counseling services for survivors of domestic violence. Legal services can range from advice to direct representation on civil protection orders, domestic relations, and sexual assault matters. While there I gained substantive legal experience in the areas of immigration law and domestic relations.

As a legal intern, I assisted with organizing various immigration applications. I also had the opportunity to participate in client intake interviews and weekly clinic meetings. Additionally, I researched and drafted memoranda for the attorneys on staff. Through research and direct client interaction I learned how pervasive domestic violence problem is within the United States and abroad.

The most memorable part of my experience at WEAVE was when I had the opportunity to go to court with one of the staff attorneys and our client. I assisted in preparing the direct examination and researched a number of legal issues for this client. It was incredibly rewarding to see that work I contributed to was being put to good use. I also enjoyed having the opportunity to support the client further and be a part of the empowerment process. Though litigation is not only service WEAVE provides, being in court that day to follow up on a case helped to contextualize all of the research and writing done behind the scenes. The judge granted a civil protection order and our client was able to go home that day with some closure and protection.

Without Equal Justice America's generous fellowship I would not have had the opportunity to work for such a wonderful organization. My experience this summer at WEAVE has really put my career goals in perspective. I am fully dedicated to pursuing a career in public interest, particularly with an organization that specializes in direct client services. I found the work that WEAVE does fulfilling, inherently interesting and important.

Thank you so much for your assistance and support to myself and other students similarly interested in public interest.

Sincerely,

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