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Dear Mr. Ruben:

My fellowship at WEAVE was very rewarding and informative. I had the opportunity to work on several different cases, in varying capacities, which provided me with an excellent overview of what it is like to be a domestic violence lawyer. Additionally, I was able to observe several hearings and trials, which was also very educational. I worked on evidence collection by obtaining subpoenas for 911 tapes, medical records, criminal histories, and visitation logs. I researched and wrote several memos on topics such as the voluntary termination of parental rights, the psychotherapist privilege, and housing discrimination. I also researched options for parenting classes in the D.C. area. Each of these projects was an interesting learning experience, and provided me with valuable insight into this area of the law.

I especially enjoyed my time spent at the D.C. Superior Courthouse, where I observed hearings, filed court documents, obtained client histories, and sat in on attorney-client meetings. The busy courthouse was exciting, but it was also a very instructive environment for a lawyer-in-training because it presents so much information about judicial procedure, client interaction, and lawyering skills. I relished any chance I had to go to the courthouse, and appreciate all the instruction I received there.

Another rewarding aspect of this internship was the opportunity to work closely with practicing attorneys. I enjoyed learning from the attorneys at WEAVE, and they

were very helpful whenever I sought their guidance. I believe that one of the most important benefits of doing internships during law school is the ability to observe lawyers on a day-to-day basis, and the WEAVE office certainly provided me with this benefit this spring.

My Spring Fellowship was very exciting and educational, and it further convinced me that I would like to seek a job in the domestic violence field upon my graduation from law school. In this way, it has certainly heightened my commitment to public interest law. I would like to once again thank Equal Justice America for providing me with this highly rewarding experience, and for the increased dedication to public interest that this fellowship has produced.

Sincerely,

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