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Dear Ms. Ruben:

I am writing to commend the incredible work of EJA fellow Haleigh Haffner during her time with LAF during the summer of 2018. I, along with Stephen Briles, supervised Ms. Haffner directly and have been duly impressed by her ability to maintain a large workload of varying projects to aid clients with significant legal and social needs.

This summer, Ms. Haffner completed several projects and tasks which expanded LAF's capacity to represent clients. She completed two complex legal motions; one for a client seeking exclusive possession of her home in order to preserve her safety from her abusive husband, and one to transfer venue of a custody proceeding to a different county so that the client could litigate a case where she felt safe from her former partner. These motions required research, fact-finding with traumatized clients, and a significant amount of drafting work. Ms. Haffner also successfully followed up in ensuring that a client's order of protection was enforced, which involved in person and phone communication with several different municipal offices including law enforcement and court personnel. Additionally, Ms. Haffner sorted through thousands of pages of financial discovery for a divorce case, investigated and gathered evidence of an incident of child abuse in a divorce case, and drafted a petition to protect a teenager who had been assaulted by another student at school. She managed completion of these intense projects while communicating with Spanish-speaking clients and expanding LAF's ability to represent clients with limited English proficiency. All of these projects and tasks ensure the safety of our clients, free up time to move their cases forward, and directly aid in obtaining personal and financial security for our clients through litigation.

Ms. Haffner is on her way to becoming an incredibly successful public interest attorney. She has given LAF her best work this summer. Thank you for supporting her work at LAF. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to either of us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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