

Dan Ruben  
Executive Director  
Equal Justice America

Dear Dan Ruben,

As you know, this summer I was fortunate enough to work as an Equal Justice America Legal Fellow in the Domestic Violence/Family Law Division of Ayuda, a non-profit organization that provides legal services to low-income immigrants struggling to overcome barriers and access justice. Anyone who knows me knows that my passion for the law stems from my ultimate desire to advocate for survivors of domestic violence, so the opportunity to work with a team of attorneys who do just that was an experience that I will never forget.

My experience at Ayuda exposed me to various aspects of the judicial process, from interacting with clients, to research and writing, negotiations and settlements, all the way through to litigation. As a law student, you dream of the day that you can finally take the things you learn in the classroom and use them to better someone's life, which is something I got to do every day at Ayuda.

I worked on various assignments, both in the context of domestic violence and family law matters. I was able to help clients with their civil protection orders which oftentimes led into handling their family law matter, whether it be for divorce, child support or custody matters.

There were undoubtedly tough moments, as this line of work is not for the faint of heart, but hearing the stories of individuals whose lives were changed because of a service we got to offer them made it all worth it. I left this summer knowing one thing for sure... that it is lawyers like these that truly make the world a better place.

I cannot thank Equal Justice America enough for allowing me to advocate for the people who need it most, but wouldn't otherwise be able to afford it. I am forever grateful.

Warmest Regards,

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