

MADISON J. GRAY

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Dear Dan Ruben:

This summer as an Equal Justice Fellow and intern in the Consumer Housing Unit of Philadelphia Legal Assistance, I had the unparalleled opportunity to immerse myself in the world of legal services and see firsthand what public interest lawyers do on a daily basis. I especially enjoyed working with clients. After a 1L year filled with doctrinal reading and studies, it was really refreshing to get out of the classroom and connect with the reason I came to law school.

I also had the opportunity to attend tax hearings and bankruptcy court. My supervisor had me draft complaints, discovery requests, and really engage in all the aspects of litigation. My supervisors both expressed how helpful my briefs and memos were – one time my supervisor even mentioned to a judge how my research allowed her to pioneer an exciting and innovative law school experience. I was so proud!

I am happy to say that the summer reinvigorated my commitment to lawyering in the public interest. The best part about the summer was learning of all the creative and innovative ways the lawyers at PLA are saving the homes of Philadelphians. The fight to save homes is on the front lines of the gentrification, racial inequality, and homelessness crises in Philadelphia. I went to law school to battle these systems, and I am so grateful that EJA allowed me that opportunity to engage in these fights.

Sincerely,

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