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Dear Mr. Ruben-

I am writing to thank you, Equal Justice America, and Vinson and Elkins again for sponsoring me this summer.

My term at The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia was both rewarding and educational. I had the opportunity to work with highly skilled attorneys in matters that were both compelling to me, and of critical importance to our clients and the community. The projects that I worked on this summer included drafting motions and pleadings, client interviewing, researching matters for current cases, and attending community training events.

It was very instructive for me to participate in several cases from the intake phase through hearings at the Superior Court. Since I was working with the Family Law Unit, all of the cases were highly sensitive in nature. I learned by observing my supervising attorneys how to handle such cases in a compassionate yet professional manner.

One such case was that of Ms. A. She came to Legal Aid with a non-family law matter, but it was quickly apparent that there were many ways in which we could help her with her other matters. Ms. A had had a series of protective orders against her abusive former boyfriend and the father of her child. However, due to her aggressor's evasive behavior, Ms. A had not been able to secure a protective order for about a year. At the same time, Ms. A observed her aggressor becoming increasingly hostile and manipulative towards her and their son. With the assistance of my supervising attorney, I drafted a motion to have the prior petition for a civil protection order reinstated. As a result of our work, the court granted Ms. A's motion to reinstate her petition, and subsequently granted her petition for a protection order. While Ms. A still had a number of other matters pending, I am happy that I was able to help her achieve peace in a part of her life.

I would like to take the opportunity once again to thank Equal Justice America and Vinson and Elkins for your generosity in sponsoring students like me in meaningful work that is in our desired career path. My positive experience this summer has only solidified my desire to continue to work in the public interest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caroline Boucher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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