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Dear Mr. Rubin:

I hope this letter finds you well. Thank you very much for the generous grant from your foundation which enabled my employment this summer at the East Bay Community Law Center in Berkeley, CA. The internship was a rewarding and highly educational experience working in the field of legal aid. This summer I worked in the EBCLC's HIV/AIDS & Health Unit, where all of my clients were low-income and either HIV-positive or had an AIDS diagnosis.

Working at the EBCLC taught me a great deal about advocacy and legal professionalism. The EBCLC stresses a holistic approach in all of its client relationships. Thus an HIV positive client would often approach the Center with a pressing legal problem, such as the denial of Social Security disability benefits or the loss of health coverage. After tackling these urgent legal problems, I then worked with clients to address layers of accumulated, unmet legal service needs. For instance, after working with one client on a pressing housing issue I then began to counsel him about the importance of drafting an Advanced Health Care Directive, Will, and Durable Power of Attorney for Finances.

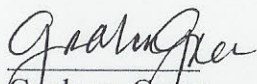
The EBCLC's holistic approach is highly successful in creating stable and durable client relations. By first helping a client with a pressing issue, the advocate creates a relationship of trust between himself and the client. The client also has an opportunity during this process to become more comfortable disclosing information

within the confidential boundaries of the attorney-client relationship. After resolving the initial legal issue, the attorney and client can then work together on other legal issues the client may be experiencing. My work at the EBCLC taught me a great deal about maintaining relationships with my clients. I hope to use these skills after graduation as an advocate for my future clients.

My summer internship also showed me the power of effective advocacy to affect the lives of people who face barriers to accessing the legal system. Many of my clients came to the EBCLC highly stressed about their legal problems. Many were also frustrated by the complicated and confusing manner of our judicial system and as a result felt disempowered about their own rights. Working in legal aid showed me the power of the lawyer to address this unfortunate result of our legal system. Working with indigent clients during a difficult period of their lives also helped me to understand my own power as a future lawyer to ameliorate tangibly the lives of my clients and empower them to defend their rights.

The summer internship enabled by a grant from Equal Justice America taught me a great deal about how to approach my clients and their cases in the future and challenged me to develop my own approach to client relations and legal advocacy. I would like to reiterate my gratitude to EJA for enabling this unique opportunity.

Sincerely,


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