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Dear Mr. Ruben,

I am writing to express my utmost gratitude for the support and sponsorship offered by Equal Justice America during my Summer public interest fellowship.

During the Summer of 2009, I worked at the conservatorship clinic conducted by Bet Tzedek Legal Services. Everyday, along side with my supervising attorneys, I assisted our clients in obtaining conservatorships and elder abuse restraining orders. Our clients were mostly disadvantaged members of our community and in many instances they did not know any English or were illegal aliens. My duties consisted of interviewing clients, inputting the information in Judicial Council Forms, assisting them with signing their paperwork, and preparing their cases for filing.

On average, we assisted between 25-50 clients each day. On many instances our clients were in desperate need for help, and were accompanied by their disabled or mentally incompetent loved ones for whom they were seeking conservatorship. In some instances, they had originally sought assistance of private attorney, but had been rejected once they ran out of money to pay for legal fees. By seeking court fee waivers, we were able to obtain conservatorships for them at no cost.

My summer internship was a very fulfilling experience, which made my initiative in pursuing public interest even stronger. Though I had always been dedicated to serving the needy segment of our society, my first hand experience in this field, and the accompanying fulfillment, reaffirmed my convictions in pursuing public interest.

I wanted to thank you sincerely for providing me with the opportunity to contribute to the field of public interest, and to gain an invaluable experience that I am sure will be beneficial to all my future law related activities.

Sincerely,

Natali Shabani
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