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Roy Logan
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Dear Roy Logan:

I am a rising second year student at the University of Wisconsin Law School writing to apply for a summer internship with Legal Aid of Madison. I have a strong and demonstrated commitment to working in the public interest sector and I am eager to bring my communication and research and writing skills to your organization and your clients this summer.

Working as a clinical student in Wisconsin's Family Court Clinic this year confirmed my interest in assisting vulnerable populations as they navigate the legal system, while improving the skills I need to effectively provide that assistance. I assisted clients from lower-income backgrounds in cases involving emotionally charged issues such as divorce and child support, drawing on my fluency in Spanish as needed. I distilled legal matters into layperson terms with empathy and awareness of my clients' circumstances. This experience built on my previous role as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), where I again had to communicate regularly with vulnerable populations and then develop recommendations to present at court, giving me confidence communicating with a variety of audiences.

Additionally, my proven research and writing skills will allow me to contribute quickly as an intern for Legal Aid of Madison. I received the best performance award in my Legal Research & Writing course last fall, and I will continue to develop my citation and other legal writing skills with the *Wisconsin Journal of Gender & Society* this year.

Finally, I will bring to Legal Aid of Madison my strong commitment to working in the public interest and a passion for using my legal skills to reduce barriers for vulnerable populations. For these reasons, an internship with Legal Aid of Madison is a perfect fit for my experience and professional goals. I welcome an opportunity to speak with you further about my skills and experience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Christina Y. Ellington