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Dear Mr. Flanagan:

I am currently seeking an internship at the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office for the fall semester. I am very interested in pursuing a career in public defense and look forward to serving the disenfranchised, low-income community to help bridge the prevalent justice gap that exists so close to my home.

My experience this summer at the Public Defender's Office in New Orleans through the Southern Public Defender's Training Center (SPDTC) fuels my ambition in the field. This hands-on clerkship prepared me for high-pressure courtroom situations and large caseloads. I quickly grasped the art of interviewing clients to spot potential issues, while simultaneously gaining their trust in order to provide them the best defense. This skill was invaluable because many clients often distrusted their attorneys, believing them to be part of the same system trying to oppress them, inevitably leading to an ineffective defense of their case. Also, I excelled at researching case law for motions and was able to support a number of motions to suppress evidence, which were granted. I am confident that my experiences interviewing clients, researching, and drafting motions and memoranda will be an asset for the Public Defender's Office and the community it serves.

My work as an actor have also prepared me to work for the Los Angeles County Public Defender. I have more than five years of professional and collegiate acting experience. My background in both film and theater helped place me on Fowler Law's Mock Trial Honor Board, and I believe it will allow me to effectively connect with the jury, the judge, and even the District Attorney to help them to understand the world through my client's eyes. I am excited to take on the challenge of ensuring that due process is preserved for some of the most vulnerable classes in society.

Please feel free to contact me if you require anything further. I welcome the opportunity to interview with you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Signature".

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