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I am currently a legal aid intern at the Inland Empire Latino Lawyers Association (IELLA). I assist low-income individuals and families prepare legal documents pertaining to criminal and family law cases. I assist staff attorneys conduct legal clinics, complete intakes, make copies, answer questions, hand out informational sheets, and answer phone calls. I decided to volunteer my time at this organization because I believe that we each have a civic duty to each other and our community. I find this position rewarding because I am able to expand my knowledge about the legal system by providing aid to those persons in need.

My mission statement regarding my development and path to becoming an attorney is helping myself by helping others. I have a strong commitment to excellence and an incurable passion for knowledge. I believe in cooperation among individuals. I dedicate myself to the projects I engage in and quickly grasp complicated and confusing processes. With my experience interning at IELLA, I have found it rewarding helping those individuals and families who have been affected by abuse, violence, family hardship, and divorce. I have found that these individuals need someone who is going to provide them with resources and clear instruction on how they

may be able to better their circumstances.

Although not an attorney and unable to provide legal advice, I still have been able to assist many clients by gathering information and preparing legal documents which are reviewed by site attorneys. My position at IELLA has allowed me to be the connecting link between client and attorney. Even after the client leaves from their initial consultation, it is still my duty to follow up with clients regarding their case and additional document preparation.