**UNEMPLOYMENT APPEAL LETTER**

Dear Mr. Cash,

My name is Alison K. Martin, and I am appealing the decision of the Employment Development Department’s hearing officer, Edward Giles, on July 31, 20XX. I believe that the EDD unfairly denied my unemployment benefits and I wish to appeal the decision.

I was relieved of my duties as a paralegal with the XYZ Law Firm on June 15, 20XX. The office administrator, Ms. Angela Zimmerman, stated that due to the firm losing a large client, there was no longer sufficient work for me and that my position was being eliminated, effective immediately. I packed my personal affects and left the firm that day. I was given a check for the 2 weeks’ vacation that I had not yet taken as I was leaving the building.

The following week a former co-worker, Mary Grace, also a paralegal, called me and informed me that Ms. Zimmerman had just hired one of the law partner’s nieces to work as a paralegal. The newly hired individual sat at my former desk and began taking over the duties that I had been performing only a week before. Clearly there was enough work for me, but my dismissal was due to a case of nepotism. Ms. Grace is willing to testify in a hearing regarding these events. I would appreciate it if you would reconsider the denial of my unemployment benefits as soon as possible. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cordially,

*Alison Martina*

Alison K. Martin