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National LGBT Bar Association  
1301 K Street, NW  
Suite 1100 East Tower  
Washington, DC 20005

Re: Prudential Financial 2012 1L Summer Internship Program

Dear National LGBT Bar Association:

As a first year law student with over 7 years of work experience as a financial management professional and a Bachelor of Science in Biology/Chemistry, I appreciate the continuous demand for diversity within corporate law. I am interested in the Prudential Financial 2012 1L Summer Internship Program because the experience will provide me with an invaluable opportunity to learn the expectations and responsibilities of a corporate attorney and meet members of Prudential Financial, Incorporated. Furthermore, my interest in the program correlates to one of my long-time goals to work as a corporate attorney.

Graduating during Hurricane Katrina in 2006 at Xavier University of Louisiana provided me with the life skills and analytical abilities to succeed under exigent circumstances. Following Katrina, I moved to Chicago and began working as a manager at Fifth Third Bank. My experience at the bank allowed me to: cultivate my interpersonal skills by interacting with consumers and executive management; learn about financial contracts and the document review process; and learn and train employees on federal banking laws and regulations. The combination of my professional and academic background provided me with unique perspectives and creative aptitudes to solve problems.

My strong work ethic and transferable skills allows me to achieve academically and professionally. As an undergraduate student, I was a Howard Hughes mentor and full-tuition merit scholarship recipient. While working at the bank, I was a top-performer and the executive vice-president nominated me to become a member of the *Emerging Leadership Development Team*. Currently at The John Marshall Law School, I am the elected Chairman of the Student Bar Association 1L Charity Committee. I also hold various leadership positions in other student organizations, including the Black, Latino, and Middle Eastern Law Student Associations. Additionally, I received an A on my first paper in my Lawyering Skills class at John Marshall, which is a highly ranked legal writing program.

I look forward to the opportunity to becoming a Prudential Financial 2012 1L Summer Intern. I am confident that my passion for financials and law combined with my legal writing and analytical skills demonstrate that I am enthusiastic and that I will add value to the program. I appreciate your time and look forward to speaking with you in detail regarding the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Brandon L. Hudson

Enclosure(s): 3

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## EDUCATION

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### **The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL**

Juris Doctor Candidate, May 2014 **GPA: 3.5 out of 4.0**

- Student Bar Association - Elected Representative, 2011-current
- Chairman of the 1L Charity Committee – Elected, 2011-current
- BARBRI Student Representative – Elected, 2011-current
- Phi Alpha Delta Section Representative, 2011-current
- Diversity Mock Trial Scholarship Recipient, 2010
- Member of the Black, Latino, and Middle Eastern Law Student Associations, 2011- current

### **Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA**

Bachelor of Science in Biology, Chemistry minor, August 2006

- Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement - Full Scholarship Recipient, 2003-2006
- Howard Hughes Science Mentor, 2003-2006

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **Fifth Third Securities- Retail, Securities, and Compliance Division, Chicago, IL**

*Licensed Investment Representative*, March 2008-May 2011

- Reviewed contracts for securities, mortgages, certificates of deposit, and other financial documents.
- Collaborated with the corporate office's legal and compliance division regarding insurance payments.
- Nominated for the Emerging Leader Development Program led by the executive vice-president.

### **Fifth Third Bank- Risk Management Division, Chicago, IL**

*Compliance Manager*, August 2007-March 2008

- Trained employees on federal banking laws, regulatory processes, and financial procedures.
- Completed Bank Secrecy Act audit, managed consumer relations, and interviewed applicants for employment.

### **Urban Preparatory Charter Academy, Chicago, IL**

*Summer School Instructor*, May 2007-August 2007

- Taught algebra and biology to freshman students.
- Monitored students' progress and implemented modifications to the lesson plan based on students' needs.

### **Bank One, Commercial Services Division, New Orleans, LA**

*Cash Vault Representative*, January 2005-January 2006

- Audited approximately \$7 million daily to assess commercial deposit discrepancies.
- Contributed to the management team by motivating the department to surpass corporate objectives.

### **South Shore Bank, Retail Banking Division, Chicago, IL**

*Customer Service Representative*, September 2000-July 2002

- Implemented a customer questionnaire that improved sales performance and service scores.
- Nominated to participate in the lending associate program as a promotion for outstanding performance.

## AFFILIATIONS

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- Bar Associations, 2011-current: Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, and American Bar Association.
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., 2004-current
- American Bankers Association, 2010-current

## LANGUAGES AND CERTIFICATIONS

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- Ability to read and write Spanish with intermediate conversational skills.
- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Series 6 and Series 63
- Illinois State Life Insurance Producer License
- Illinois State Notary Commission

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## Grades

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Advisor

None

Term GPA 3.500

Course Section	Title	Grd 1	Grd 2	Grd 3	Grd 4	Grd 5	Grd 6	Final Grd	Credits	CEUs
JD-054-4	LS I							B+	3.00	
JD-073-2	Torts							B+	4.00	
JD-066-2	Property							A-	4.00	
JD-063-2	Contracts I							A-	3.00	