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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a first-year student at Columbia Law School and am interested in working for Prudential Financial, Inc. This position presents a wonderful opportunity to explore my combined interests in finance and the law.

My interest in the legal aspects of financial services stemmed from college courses on corporate governance and institutional investments. I especially enjoyed the assignments in which students had to manipulate different variables - tax rebates, interest rates, loan periods, tax credits - to determine the best financial strategy, while keeping in mind the legal constraints. This form of problem-solving was incredibly intellectually satisfying, and I would be thrilled to have the opportunity to delve more deeply into the legal aspects of financial services.

I believe I would bring skills that would allow me contribute meaningfully to your office. As a Legal Intern for Helpers for Domestic Helpers, I performed intake interviews. This would often be the only opportunity the company had to obtain particular facts, so I learned quickly to balance brevity with comprehensiveness. The work further sharpened my analytical and problem-solving abilities, as I had to be able to identify and isolate legal issues from the clients' stories. Being able to recognize the hazy beginnings of a legal issue challenged me to hone my attention to detail, a skill that has been supplemented by my experiences copy editing for publications such as the *Yale Daily News* and working for the *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law*.

I have enclosed my résumé for your review. Please contact me at (972) 268-2802 or dung.la@law.columbia.edu if you would like any additional information. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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