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Dear Ms. Kemnitz:

As a first-year student at Indiana University Maurer School of Law, I am extremely interested in creating a culture of equality in law and in the community beyond. Working with fellow students throughout this semester on an LGBT clinical project, working as an openly gay male teacher for the past three years, and publicly advocating for LGBT equality throughout college have all engrained in me the importance of having a culture of support. This search for a supportive culture, exemplified by Prudential in their corporate practices and external support of the LGBT community, has helped lead me to seek the LGBT Bar Association – Prudential Summer Internship.

Having studied international business during my undergraduate career, my burgeoning knowledge of the law is supporting my interest in business and is helping me to better understand the underpinnings behind our financial system. This knowledge of business and law will allow me to understand the concepts that will be important to the internship and will enable me to benefit Prudential from day one. My work in legal research and writing, along with past experience of writing a thesis for a Master of Education, has greatly expounded my research capabilities. My love and knowledge of legal research will enable me to contribute greatly to the Prudential legal team throughout the summer by assisting with legal memoranda and briefs.

With strong roots in Texas, having lived there for eight years of my life, I would love the opportunity to participate in a position in Dallas if it becomes available. If there is not a position in the Dallas community, I would still absolutely love to work in the New Jersey tri-state area. One of the main reasons why I chose Indiana for law school was to expand my knowledge of different regional cultures and to become more of a national citizen—something that I could expand upon by residing in the northeast for the summer. I have enclosed a copy of my resume, my transcript, and a list of references for your review. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,



Charles Shaw