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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Christopher Smith and I am currently a student at Vermont Law School. I am writing to apply for a summer internship position with Prudential, through the LGBT Bar Association. As a summer intern, I would make a substantive contribution to your work in corporate law. I am willing to assist with each and every scope of your responsibilities, from filing to assisting with legal memoranda. I am interested in learning all the aspects of practicing corporate law. The size and magnitude of Prudential will provide exposure to a wide array of corporate legal practices. It was through my involvement with Alliance, the LGBT student group at Vermont Law that I learned about this opportunity. I was delighted to see the LGBT Bar Association sponsoring such a valuable experience for a law student interested in the type of work undertaken by Prudential.

Prior to my undergraduate education, I worked nine years with Starbucks Coffee Company. In that time I was engendered to corporate culture. I also gained professional, managerial experience. I began in an entry level position and was promoted three times in three years to Assistant Store Manager of Boston’s flagship store at One Charles Street. This position required a wide variety of responsibilities from staff scheduling, training, profit and loss analysis, employee and business development plans, inventory management and inter store/district communication. As a supervisor I was appointed as a member of the Star team. In this role, one usually reserved for store managers, I was responsible for the opening of new, remote store locations. As an assistant store manager, I was chosen as a classroom facilitator. I lead workshops on Starbucks culture, as well as workshops on peer training. Despite my successes in the business world, I eventually decided I wanted to further my education and thus I resigned my management position to attend college, though I remained with the company throughout my undergraduate education. I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Suffolk University with a Bachelors of Science where I majored in both Government and History, with focuses in Politics, Law and the Courts, and Women and Gender.

An internship position would expose me to the legal processes and daily activities of the substantive legal skills necessary to the practice of corporate law. The wide scope of Prudential’s business would provide experience in an array of practice areas. I have enclosed a resume highlighting my education and work experience, a transcript, and a list of references.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am very interested in this summer internship and I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

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