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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a first-year law student at Howard University School of Law, and I am writing to express my interest in the summer internship position at Prudential. I am attracted to this position because of its business roots. I am interested in Prudential because of its commitment to diversity. As a white gay man, I chose Howard, a historically black university, because I believe that all minority groups must reach across lines to promote and generate inclusion. It is with this sentiment that I look forward to adding to the culture at Prudential by using the skills that I have fostered throughout my life.

During undergrad at the University of Alabama, I was able to thoroughly develop several skills that will be an asset to Prudential. As a member of the UA Speech and Debate Team, I learned the essential skills of: communication, teamwork, and writing. Throughout my time on the team, we consistently placed among the top ten teams in the nation, and I was able to publish one of my speeches on mandatory arbitration in the 2009 *National Interstate Oratory Book*. The skills I learned on this team, both professionally and personally, were an invaluable supplement to my academic career and have enhanced my job performance.

In 2009, I worked for Senator Shelby in Washington, D.C. Here, I learned important practical skills. Namely, I was in charge of communicating with constituents. I also worked on a campaign for one of the first African-American gubernatorial candidates in the state of Alabama. As the assistant to the media relation’s manager, I dealt with new challenges and was forced to offer quick solutions. I executed various research projects, which afforded me great experience for the legal profession. This opportunity gave me the ability to work in a high stress environment where I fostered the skills of determination and organization.

Finally, I have a passion for community service. During my undergraduate career, I founded the UA Care for Aids Book Drive where students were able to donate textbooks which created funding for homes, food, and healthcare for individuals affected by HIV/Aids in Kenya. I am honored to have been able to rally so many willing students to help out with the cause. I am currently chair of the community service committee for my class at the law school. This semester, we led a canned food drive for Thanksgiving, which directly impacted the D.C. area.

I have attached my resume’ that includes my professional and academic experience. Please contact me by phone at 205-422-7034 or by email at JAGarmon@law.howard.edu. I look forward to hearing from you, and I thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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