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Brian McCormac Brown, Winick, Graves, Gross and Baskerville, P.L.C. 666 Grand Avenue Suite 2000 Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Mr. McCormac,

I am a first year student at Drake University Law School interested in obtaining a Summer Associate position at Brown, Winick, Graves, Gross and Baskerville, P.L.C. I have enclosed my resume, writing sample, and transcript for your review.

Several factors impact my interest in BrownWinick. First, BrownWinick is one of the most prestigious firms in the Des Moines area and I would like to learn from attorney s who are both successful and respected in their community. Additionally, the extensive history of the firm has produced highly influential individuals who have shaped the law on a state and federal level. Because of these attorneys, BrownWinick has excelled in several areas of the law that captivate my interest, including business transactions, intellectual property, government, and litigation. Because I have some experience in a few of these fields, I would be well prepared to expand my learning at your firm. Finally, I have two main goals in law school, to participate in Moot Court and the Drake Law Review. The experience gained at BrownWinick would help me prepare for these roles.

As mentioned, I have experience working in several fields that BrownWinick specializes in. For example, after graduating from BYU with a major in political science and a minor in business, I started working in the legal department of a Utah corporation, where my task was to ensure that the corporation's contracts were efficient and organized. I have been able to apply those skills to my first semester in law school and find success in my initial work product in Research and Writing. I also have an entrepreneurial mindset. Prior to starting law school, I developed a website designed to help law school students prepare for finals. That website has grown extensively over my first semester in law school, and I enjoy being able to share advice and outlines with other students, generating a sense of community among us.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to share my skills with your firm this summer. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

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William Laursen Enclosures