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Richard Tucker  
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Dear Mr. Tucker:

I am a first-year student at Harvard Law School and I am writing to apply for a summer volunteer internship with the Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. An internship with your office would offer an unparalleled opportunity for me to further explore my interest in criminal prosecution. I thoroughly enjoyed the summer I spent living and working in New York City, and would be grateful for the opportunity to return and support the New York community.

Prior to coming to Harvard, I spent one year working in the federal practice at a professional services company. As an advisory associate, I provided financial statement audit and audit remediation services to two intelligence agencies and became licensed as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Regularly entrusted with classified information, I learned the importance of maintaining the confidentiality and security of client data. I also developed an in-depth understanding of governmental accounting and the use of federal funds. I admired the important work carried out by the agencies I served and was inspired to pursue a career in public service.

I first developed an interest in criminal prosecution while a student in the Carroll School of Management at Boston College. I was both fascinated and concerned by the financial fraud cases we studied in class, in part because a financial fraud committed by just one individual, or just one firm, has the potential for such widespread financial harm. My Criminal Law course this semester furthered my interest in criminal prosecution as I was reminded of the significant role that prosecution plays in the deterrence of future crimes, especially crimes involving financial fraud that are more difficult to detect.

I believe that my business education, together with the legal degree I am currently pursuing, would make me well suited to assist with the criminal investigations conducted in the Business and Securities Fraud Section. That said, I would be thrilled by an opportunity to support any section within the Criminal Division, depending on your needs.

As requested, I have provided a resume and a transcript. I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss the summer internship position and answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Jefferson