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To Whom It May Concern,

I am currently looking for a full-time legal clerk position involved with Native American issues and/or Indian Law. Attached is a copy of my resume.

I am a member of the Cherokee Nation, qualify for off-campus work-study, and am interested in participating in the field of Indian Law because of a compelling desire to uphold the legal rights of the United States' native population. I worked last year for a small firm in Seattle and had the opportunity to learn about various aspects of law office administration, discovery, pre-trial preparation, and litigation. Additionally, I am highly intrigued by the strategy and planning involved in civil litigation.

Before attending graduate school, I worked in the technology industry directly supporting companies with network software. The part of the job that I found most gratifying was working with individual customers, helping to solve complex technical issues and providing answers to people who felt there were none to be found. I enjoyed establishing relationships with customers over time, and prided myself on knowing how to help my customers before they even called with problems, often offering solutions to problems my customers hadn't even encountered yet. Similarly, I see representation of native peoples as a field of law in which lawyers develop relationships with clients over time, catering to their legal needs, and providing solutions where there would otherwise be none available. This is the type of people-oriented position that I would like to find.

At Seattle University School of Law, I am involved with various legal foundations, associations, and publications. I feel that my participation is valuable especially in both the Native American Student Bar Association and the school newspaper, the Prolific Reporter, as I am developing valuable relationships and further gaining exposure to Native American issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

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P.S. I will gladly provide a writing sample upon request.

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EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION:

Seattle University School of Law 07/2002 – present Seattle, WA

Doctorate of Jurisprudence candidate

Class Rank, top 25% (tentative); Organizational memberships, offices held:

- Public Interest Law Foundation; Vice President, Section Representative
- American Bar Association/Law Student Division; Events Coordinator
- Native American Student Bar Association
- Prolific Reporter (law school newspaper); Staff Writer

Volunteer/Community Work:

- Admissions Ambassador to Law School Admissions Department

Give school tours; attend applicant meetings and events, and answer questions regarding school life; remain ongoing contact to prospective law school students.

University of Washington 09/1995 – 03/1999 Seattle, WA

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science; Minor - German Language

Organizational memberships: Phi Alpha Delta - pre-law fraternity; German Club

Volunteer/Community Work:

- Tutor for Seattle Interagency School District

Tutored one-on-one middle/high school students in math, reading, and writing.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Washington Mutual 04/2003 – present Seattle, WA

Teller

Seattle University School of Law Library 08/2002 – 01/2003 Seattle, WA

Law Library Resource Administrator

Learned to utilize valuable legal research resources; utilized extensive customer service skills; and assisted students and faculty in obtaining various media.

Dann Sheffield & Associates 02/2002 – 07/2002 Seattle, WA

Legal Clerk

Requested medical records and/or bills for specific clients; wrote settlement package demand letters, summons, complaints, pre-hearing statements, and interrogatories; corresponded daily with multiple clients and insurance companies regarding various details of open cases; answered phones; and assisted in the management of 500+ active files and various appended documents.

DataChannel, Inc. 10/2000 – 10/2001 Bellevue, WA

Customer Technical Support Engineer / Pre-Sales Engineer

Independently supported customers; performed pre-sales operations; installed, configured, and demonstrated proprietary software; installed and administered a variety of multiple servers; and optimized various software and operating systems.

VoiceStream Wireless 01/2000 – 10/2000 Bothell, WA

HP-UX Systems Administrator

Administered UNIX environments: installation, planning, configuration, monitoring, patching; participated in 24x7 on-call support of production systems; and supported multiple internal/external business partners in various production platforms; administered local and remote server and client backup systems.