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Dear Member or Friend of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society:

I am a third-year student at The George Washington University Law School seeking either a summer position or an entry-level associate position with a Seattle area firm in 2007. My primary area of academic interest is litigation. I am excited about the opportunity to live and work in a beautiful location like Seattle. I lived there for several years and I have always wanted to return. I know I have the skills, enthusiasm and background to be a great attorney for a firm.

During my time at George Washington, in addition to practical courses in areas such as evidence and constitutional law, I have satisfied my intellectual curiosity by taking a diverse course load in areas such as information privacy law, commercial paper, trial advocacy and negotiation. My strong performance in all these classes demonstrates my versatility, and shows how I can contribute to the wide range of issues a litigation department handles. GW also has an excellent IP program, and I have taken advantage of it by taking courses in copyright law, trademark law, and entertainment law. Now in my final semester, I am writing a lengthy research paper on a copyright law issue. While I have learned much during my two-and-a-half years at GW, I am probably most proud of the hard work I have done to improve my GPA every semester. Having to struggle a little bit has taught me a lot about tenacity, initiative, attention to detail, and even the necessity of maintaining a sense of humor.

My analytical and practical litigation skills will also allow me to make a valuable contribution to a firm. As an intern in the busy Utah Second District Court last summer, I completed a large number of legal research assignments, working closely with the district court judges. My experiences and successes being involved with the Mock Trial Board here have given me further motivation to apply these skills in the context of litigation. I am excited to make the transition from school studies and summer experiences to real-world work, and I think Seattle is the right place to do it.

If you have any advice, suggestions, or referrals for me on seeking employment in the Seattle area, I would be grateful. If I can answer any other questions, please feel free to contact me either by phone or email. I am more than willing to travel there for an interview. Also, see my resume which should accompany this letter. Thanks so much for your help!

Sincerely,

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## EDUCATION

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### THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, Washington, DC

*Juris Doctor* (expected in May 2007)

- GPA: 3.097/4.333
- Member, Mock Trial Board
- Vice President, Entertainment and Sports Law Association, 2005-2006

### THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, Salt Lake City, UT

May 2004

*Bachelor of Science, Major in Communications, Minor in Business*

- GPA: 3.79/4.0; Phi Kappa Phi; Golden Key
- Senior Thesis: *Personal Privacy Protection in a Technological Age*, University of Utah Undergraduate Research Abstracts (Spring 2004, vol. 4); Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program 2004

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### UTAH SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, Ogden, UT

Summer 2006

*Law Clerk*

- Researched legal questions, drafted memoranda, and advised judges on an array of civil and criminal matters
- Under the direction of Judge Scott Hadley, researched the Utah Adoption Code and developed a checklist to be used by all Second District Court judges in adoption cases
- Under the direction of Judge Michael Lyon, drafted a summary judgment ruling for the court in a case involving a contract dispute

### NEUSTADT SPORTS AGENCY, Washington, DC

Summer 2006

- Researching statistics, developing arguments and preparing Word/Excel presentations used in the course of negotiations on behalf of Mr. Neustadt's professional basketball clients

### SALT LAKE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, Salt Lake City, UT

Summer 2005

*Law Clerk*

- Researched and drafted memoranda advising attorneys on relevant case and statutory law
- Drafted findings of fact and conclusions of law for the court
- Drafted probable cause statement in locally-noted theft case of Utah Highway Patrol treasurer

### MUSIC INTERN, THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN, New York, NY

Spring 2002

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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### FULL-TIME MISSIONARY SERVICE, Seattle, WA

Oct.1997 – Sept.1999

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## PERSONAL

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- Avid golfer (Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pinehurst No. 2)
- Eagle Scout