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Ms. Trisha Cooper
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Dear Ms. Cooper:

I am a first year law student at Saint Louis University School of Law seeking a 2009 summer clerkship with Herbert, Simon & Gilman, P.C. I am interested in your firm because of its diverse practice areas, broad clientele and small firm setting. Also appealing to me is your firm's commitment to civic progress, as demonstrated by its participation in Habitat for Humanity, JD's for ABC's and The Salvation Army Tree of Lights campaign.

As reflected on the enclosed resume, I have been actively involved in both academic and athletic endeavors throughout my educational career. During my tenure at Saint Louis University as a National Merit Scholar, I served as President and Scholarship Chair of my fraternity, as well as a member of the University's debate and track teams. As a result of these leadership roles, I learned to establish, achieve and exceed goals; to take on new challenges; to work in a team setting; to respect differences of opinion; and to develop oral advocacy skills. In addition, I sharpened my research and critical thinking skills through my work as a research assistant for History Professor Sarah H. Wilson, a renowned international lecturer on the American Civil War. My recent work, as a special projects manager at The Colonial Bank in St. Louis, has allowed me to develop proficiency in several computer software applications.

I believe, that as a summer law clerk, I will generate quality work product on behalf of your firm and its clients. I would appreciate the opportunity to interview with your firm on March 11, 2009 at Saint Louis University School of Law. In the mean time, if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and your consideration. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures: resume, references, unofficial transcript, writing sample