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Dear Ms. Gowling:

I am a third year Evening Division student at the Widener University School of Law. I am writing to express my interest in the summer intern position that you listed through the Public Interest Job Search Guide.

As demonstrated in the enclosed resume, I have done well in law school. I rank in the top third of my class, and performed well in a variety of classes. I received an AA@ in my Civil Procedure class. Further, I will be taking the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP) at the end of this school year. In addition to my academic background, I work as a volunteer at the Delaware Environmental Clinic (DEC). I performed legal research and drafted the federal preclusion section of the DEC's recent *amicus* brief to the United States Supreme Court filed in opposition to proposed state regulations that would have permitted commercial development of Delaware wetlands. While attending law school, I work full time as a litigation support paralegal with Krump & Stone LLC, a medium sized firm here in Wilmington.

I am highly motivated to do everything I can to help stop the devastation of the world's reef systems. For the last eighteen years, I have enjoyed scuba diving on various reefs in the Caribbean, including the fantastic Belize barrier reef. I have seen with my own eyes the deterioration of coral structures during that period. Global warming, pollution, careless anchoring practices, and mindless harvesting of the slow growing animals that are coral have all contributed to the crisis that reefs face worldwide.

In examining your web site, I was very impressed by the variety of activities that Friends of Reefs undertakes to educate lawmakers and the public of the dangers faced by the reef ecosystem. I believe that my experiences at Krump & Stone, the DEC, and ITAP could allow me to contribute to the series of lawsuits that Friends of Reefs have filed in state courts to protect coral structures located outside the National Park system.

I would be happy to travel to Washington and meet with you to further explore what I might be able to do to assist you in your vital work. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience at (876) 555-9263 or by e-mail at jeb-scuba@sailnet.net.

Very truly yours,

Joan E. Barnes

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