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Dear Ms. Wiley:

I am a first-year student at Duke University School Of Law with a background in children’s law who has worked with children with AIDS or infected with HIV. A summer internship with the Whitman-Walker Clinic would allow me to apply my experience to an endeavor to which I am fully committed.

Last summer at Camp Heartland, I supervised nine and ten year old children who had AIDS or were infected with HIV. As a counselor, I was responsible for the emotional well being of my campers, and throughout the summer, I counseled them on coping with their illness. During my time at the camp, I realized the negative impact that social stereotypes have on children whose lives are affected by HIV, and I decided to devote my legal education to fighting this insidious discrimination.

This fall, I have continued to work on HIV/AIDS issues by assisting people with AIDS in drafting wills, Living wills and powers or attorney in conjunction with Duke’s Pro bono Project. Prior to drafting these documents, I conduct legal research to ensure that I include the appropriate language and I interview each client to determine their wishes. I believe that my research skills and credentials, combined with my dedication to this area of law, Will make me a valuable member of your staff this summer.

I have enclosed a resume and a brief writing sample for your review. I would like to meet with you to discuss opportunities at your organization, And will call your office next week to schedule an appointment. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sarah Strauss

Enclosure