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Dear Mr. Pileggi

I am a rising second-year law student at The George Washington University Law School writing to express my interest in a summer associate position at Fish & Richardson. I am fortunate to have had a unique life - I have lived in Karachi, Pakistan and in Jakarta, Indonesia, grew up outside New York City, attended college at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, spent a semester studying abroad in Dunedin, New Zealand, and am currently in Washington, D.C. for law school. Living in different places has exposed me to a wide variety of experiences, people and diverse views and opinions. I believe that this has given me the ability to think outside the box and will allow me to succeed as a litigator. Working at Fish & Richardson in Wilmington next summer would give me firsthand knowledge of how top-notch litigators operate in high-profile actions in the Delaware Court of Chancery, and would thus be an ideal next step in my journey.

Two experiences in my life have greatly contributed to my desire to further diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. During an internship at a Pakistani non-for-profit environmental organization, I worked on a research project concerned with Karachi's issues with drinking water and sewage. As part of that project I visited several poor urban areas, where I was appalled by the unhygienic conditions caused by sewage flowing into the streets. These conditions invariably led to the prevalence of diseases such as malaria and cholera. In contrast, the streets of wealthy areas are swept daily by city employees. This is precisely the sort of discrimination that judicial systems are designed to correct. In Pakistan, however, a official culture where influence is necessary to get anything done prevails, preserving the status quo. The concept of this sort of discrimination being corrected by the judiciary or any other body without the exertion of influence is unheard of. The poor would not be able to access the courts to contest this obvious injustice.

The second experience was during my semester in New Zealand. I came to Christchurch in February 2011, ten days before much of the city was destroyed by an earthquake. In the aftermath of this tragedy, I was impressed with how the authorities provided relief in poorer areas, many of which were hit hard. The effective actions of the authorities made it clear to me that although income disparity and racial tensions between whites and Maori (native New Zealanders) do exist, there is a commitment to equality under the law. I have come to believe that discriminatory systems of patronage like the one that caused the problems I saw in Karachi could be corrected if, as in New Zealand, there was representation and access to the judicial system for those who lack influence. Although these things thankfully exist here in the United States, they must be enhanced to ensure equality. I believe that the additional perspective gained by adding diversity to the legal profession furthers the pursuit of these ideals.

I believe that my unique experiences, my keen interest in pursuing litigation as a career, and my desire to use my legal skills to help those in need make me a strong candidate to intern at Fish and Richardson's Wilmington office. Although I have never lived in the Wilmington area, I would welcome the prospect of moving once again in order to take advantage of this opportunity. I have enclosed my resume and undergraduate transcript and will add my updated law school transcript as soon as it is available. I hope that we can meet to further discuss this opportunity at the Delaware Minority Job Fair.

Yours Sincerely,

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