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Dear Ms. Lyons:

I am a rising second-year student at the University of Wisconsin Law School writing to apply for a summer position with Mac & Temple. Mac & Temple has an impressive reputation for providing strategic, client-centered corporate representation. I look forward to the possibility of bringing my skills and experiences to the Mac & Temple team.

My experiences, particularly my present position as a Legal Intern with the Family Law Project (FLP), have prepared me to better assist lawyers and clients of your firm. At FLP, under the supervision of an attorney, I represent incarcerated individuals dealing with family issues ranging from divorces to child placement claims to various property and financial disputes. To advocate effectively for my clients, I have advanced my research skills to quickly and efficiently reach a comprehensive understanding of relevant law. Additionally, as the client's primary contact, I strengthened my communication skills, so that I am comfortable and effective at approaching sensitive topics with a wide range of individuals. I hope to use both my research and communication skills to effectively serve Mac & Temple clients.

In addition to my time at the Family Law Project, my previous work experiences developed my problem-solving, collaboration and organizational skills. In my position as a Mayoral Clerk with the City of Madison Mayor's Office, I served as the main point of contact for residents wishing to share a comment or express a concern. Working to reconcile all competing interests was incredibly fulfilling and allowed me to develop collaboration and problem-solving skills. Furthermore, as a volunteer for Community Justice Inc., I gained exceptional organizational skills while maintaining contact with many area lawyers to organize a fundraiser. I am confident that these skills will make me a better summer associate.

For these reasons, I am eager for the opportunity to discuss my qualifications with you further. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ashlan H. Shackler