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Dear Sir or Madam, I am writing to express my interest in a summer internship program at your office. I currently am studying for a master’s degree in International and Comparative Law at the University of Toulouse Capitole 1 as well as preparing for the CIEL (Comparative International and European Law) Certification at University College Dublin.

 I aspire to become an attorney specialising in Private International Law and International Commercial Law. This aspiration to Private International Law arose as I was a student at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. I had the opportunity to attend a Private International Law lecture and it appeared to me that this subject was particularly interesting. Indeed, if I had any litigation with one of my fellow international students, how would it be solved? Under which law? By which court? It made me realise that globalisation had affected all aspects of our lives, even our legal relationships. There is more and more litigation between individuals and companies that do not necessarily come from the same jurisdictions. As this issue is appearing increasingly in our current world, I find it necessary for a good lawyer to be capable of solving it. Moreover, I believe that legal culture is a *sine qua non* to be considered a first-rate attorney. This is the reason why I have been attending the Anglo- American law program since I was a freshman. This program developed my legal English skills but also taught me the basics of English and American Law on subjects like Torts, Constitutional Law or even the Federal rules of evidence. Although I have higher knowledge in French law, I am very grateful I was selected for this program because it broadened my legal culture and made me develop a comparative perspective on both systems. However, in order to understand the concepts that I have studied to their full extent, I find it necessary to see these concepts applied. Consequently, this motivates me greatly for an internship at your office. I am convinced that if I aim to pursue a career in International Private Law and International Commercial Law, I need to further improve my English skills, in particular my legal English. I believe that this internship will also benefit the competitiveness of my subsequent applications. But above all, it will enrich my legal culture by being confronted with the concrete application of International Law in the Common Law system. Working for such a law firm at the early stage of my career would be both an honour and a great opportunity.

I currently am at the cross-roads between University and the labour world. I believe that to ascertain what I want to become, I need practice. I am eager to learn and seize opportunities to grow both as a person and as a future law professional.

I would therefore be most grateful if you consider me for this position, and greatly look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours

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