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Dear Mr. Johnson,

After reading a recent article about your firm in the *Charleston Gazette*, I immediately noted that my interests in environmental law, particularly land rights, relate very well to your primary area of practice. Subsequently, I spoke with Associate Dean Joyce McConnell who suggested I contact you directly regarding summer work at Bunda, White & Herther. Currently, I am in my first year of law school at the West Virginia University College of Law. I am, however, originally from Charleston and intend to work there this summer.

It is my desire to embark on a career focusing primarily on environmental law and your firm's strong reputation and dedication to this field fits well with my goals. In particular your recent work on the *Town of Sylvester v. Massey Energy Company - Elk Run Facility* case was very interesting and impressive. I noted it frequently in an "A" paper I wrote for my Coal, Oil & Gas law course. My professor has since suggested that I present the paper at a national ABA student conference. Last month I attended a program on eminent domain presented by Eleanor Smart of your firm and was able to interview her briefly for an article printed in our college newspaper.

Currently, I serve as treasurer for the WVU Environmental Law Society and was elected president for next year. Due to my background and career interests I feel confident that I would be a positive and productive contributor as a summer associate at Bunda, White & Herther. I appreciate your time in reviewing my cover letter and enclosed resume and look forward to hearing from you regarding the possibility of a personal interview.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Beth Uberstudent

Enclosure