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The Honorable William D. Bain
United States Bankruptcy Court
Central District of California
111 E. First St.
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Judge Bain:

I am a first-year law student at Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law, and I am applying for an externship in your chambers for Summer 2017. I would like to pursue a career in bankruptcy law because of my interest in federal law, the debtor-creditor relationship, and reorganizing debt.

Through my studies at Fowler Law, I have developed writing skills that will make me an effective extern. In my legal research and writing course, I drafted a legal memorandum, which entailed extensive research, meticulous organization, and clear and precise writing. I received the highest grade in the course. More importantly, I genuinely enjoyed the process. Additionally, my methodical approach to problem solving helped me excel in Contracts where I received a 4.0 GPA. I look forward to transferring my legal research and writing skills and attention to detail to any task I undertake this summer in your chambers.

During my employment at JCrew, I led four different retail teams in the span of two years. I adapted quickly to diverse work environments, as each store presented unique challenges and new team members. At one store location, the retail team had fallen below its measured sales goal in one area. I responded to this by devising and implementing a plan to reach our annual goal. By the end of the fiscal year, the store had surpassed our goal in this metric. I would apply the same focus, planning, and persistence to any assignment with which I am entrusted in your chambers.

I would welcome an opportunity to interview with you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Signature".

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