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Re: Natural Resources and Environmental Law Internship Program

Dear Mr. Hanson:

Professor Rock Pring recommended that I contact you regarding my interest in securing an internship with your firm through the University of Denver's Natural Resource and Environmental Law Internship Program. I am aware that Professor Pring usually assigns students to internships, but because I strongly prefer The Hanson Law Firm to any other potential employers, he suggested that I contact you directly.

My interest in your firm began in 2004 when I worked for Environment Colorado. At the time, I worked on a surface owner's bill of rights, a law that would require mineral rights owners in Colorado to negotiate with surface rights owners before extracting anything from the land. It was during that time that I first learned about the *Escamilla* case and the field of toxic torts.

Toxic torts law interests me because I believe it to be a sensible approach to many environmental problems. I understand that environmental laws are seldom enforced, and even when they are, penalties are minor. I like the idea of toxic torts both for its role as a deterrent to polluters and as an avenue of justice for injured parties. As a public speaker and a former advocate, I believe I am well suited for litigation-based practice. As an environmentalist and geology major, I feel that I have the technical understanding to be successful in the field of toxic torts.

At the same time, as a first year law student, I like the fact that your firm focuses on a wide variety of legal issues. I believe that my research and writing skills, combined with my ambition and enthusiasm for your particular practice area, would make me an excellent summer intern. I would like the opportunity to meet with you so that I can learn more about your firm, and so that we can discuss my credentials for the position. If I do not hear from you by April 20, 2007, I will certainly call to follow up.

Thank you very much for your time consideration of my qualifications.

Sincerely,

Jason J. Intern

Enclosure