

THIRD YEAR SAMPLE –ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

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Dear Ms. Gowling:

In examining your website, I was very impressed by the variety of activities that Friends of Reefs undertakes to educate lawmakers and the public regarding the dangers faced by the reef ecosystem. I would like to be considered for your summer intern position that you listed on PSLawnet. I am currently a third year Evening Division student at Widener University School of Law.

As demonstrated in my enclosed resume, I have been successful in law school. I rank in the top third of my class and performed well in a variety of classes. I received an “A” in my Civil Procedure and Environmental Law classes and will take the Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP) at the end of this school year. Currently, I work as a volunteer at the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic (Clinic) where I have performed legal research and drafted the federal preclusion section of the Clinic’s recent *amicus* brief to the United States Supreme Court filed in opposition to proposed state regulations that would have permitted commercial development of Delaware wetlands. While attending law school, I work full-time as a litigation support paralegal with Krump & Stone, LLC, located in Wilmington, Delaware.

I am highly motivated to do everything I can to help stop the devastation of the world’s reef systems. For the last eighteen years, I have enjoyed scuba diving on various reefs in the Caribbean, including the fantastic Belize Barrier Reef. I have seen with my own eyes the deterioration of coral structures during that period. Global warming, pollution, careless anchoring practices and mindless harvesting of the slow growing animals that are coral have all contributed to the crisis that reefs face worldwide. I am confident that my academic and work experiences would allow me to positively contribute to the Friends of Reefs mission to protect coral structures located outside the National Park system.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you in Washington, D.C. to further explore how I might assist you with your important work. Please contact me at your convenience at (876) 555-9263 or via email at jebscuba@sailnet.net.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joan E. Barnes

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