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To Whom it May Concern:

I am interested in the position that you have posted through SC Jobs for a Staff Attorney.

I believe my diverse background working with various state agencies, my legal education, and my persistence would allow me to substantially contribute to your organization.

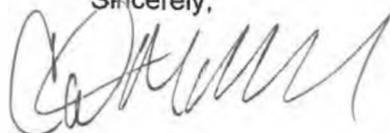
During my time working for the Lieutenant Governor and the Senate, I have regularly faced a wide range of legal and policy questions. In approaching these questions, I have reviewed both state and federal legal sources on a regular basis. This has resulted in an extensive knowledge of the organization of the South Carolina Code and South Carolina Regulations. In particular, I was often tasked with drafting legislation which required me to review and understand the relevant existing law before delving into the ways to accomplish the requested legislative outcome. I would frequently review appellate cases and attorney general's opinions in learning about a particular area in the code or while attempting to learn how another state had tackled an issue. My experience has given me an invaluable familiarity with the resources available for analyzing, reviewing, and solving legal issues.

Working at the Department of Education and having been a member of the South Carolina Cemetery Board has also given me experience in applying the law. At the Department of Education, I assisted with teacher license disciplinary cases which included working on files from initial receipt to drafting of the board orders. As a member of the South Carolina Cemetery Board, my role was more judicial in nature, assessing the matters presented to the board in light of our governing statutes and regulations. My involvement with license discipline in both settings has provided me with an insight on carefully applying the law.

I am particularly interested in this position because I thoroughly enjoy research and writing, and I believe that this position would allow me to use and expand my skills. My background would allow me to contribute to your organization and your dedication to the judicial process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Catherine McNicoll