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Holly Pisarik, Chief Legal Counsel  
South Carolina Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton St.  
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Dear Ms. Pisarik:

I am a first-year student at the University of South Carolina School of Law and am writing to apply for a summer law clerk position with the South Carolina Governor's Office of Legal Counsel. I learned about the position through the Governor's Office website.

Working in the Governor's Office of Legal Counsel would allow me to give back to the state that has given me so much and contributed to my development as a person. I am committed to serving the people of South Carolina and feel the Governor's Office would be a great place to start a career in law. I believe that I could contribute significantly to the work of your office while developing the skills I need to pursue a career in law.

I graduated from Auburn University with majors in political science and economics. I feel that my background in political science and economics puts me in a unique position to excel in criminal, contract, and securities law. While at Auburn I also served as president of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Through this position, I learned organization and crisis management skills while developing a propensity to lead. It is the desire to be a leader in the state of South Carolina that draws me to the Governor's Office.

As a first-year law student, I have worked tirelessly to meet the challenges of the curriculum. I feel that my work ethic is exemplified by first semester success. I am currently ranked second in my class and have received exemplary marks in all my classes. I received the CALI Award for my contract law class and was recently inducted into Phi Delta Phi. Additionally, I believe myself to be a very capable legal writer. I believe that, by applying this same work ethic, I could contribute to the work of the Governor's Office of Legal Counsel while continuing to grow as a future lawyer.

I have enclosed a resume highlighting my education and work experience. I hope to have the opportunity to interview with you about the summer clerk position. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Robins". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a long, sweeping underline.

Matthew Robins