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Holly/Brian,

Draft response for your review.

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Ron,

To ensure that we are all working off of the same set of documents, attached is the application submitted by Tony Catone for the General Counsel position, as well as the resume that he attached to the application. The resume provides a lot more context and explanation behind his work at Clemson's YLI, as well as he continued work as a practicing attorney while at Clemson.

To address your particular questions, Tony worked as a clerk at Murphy & Grantland before he passed the bar and was admitted to practice in 2004. The position reflected on his application is the last position he held with Murphy & Grantland.

With respect to his experience, the state requirements for an Attorney VI are "A juris doctor degree or its equivalent from an accredited law school and experience as a practicing attorney." The number of years of experience as a practicing attorney is set by the Department and not required by the state. Prior to accepting the position at Clemson, Tony had four years of experience as an attorney in the private sector after he was licensed and in his capacity as Associate Executive Director at Clemson YLI he regularly and consistently used his legal skills and experience to perform a variety of tasks, including negotiating agreements and leading the legal and regulatory process for obtaining tax exempt status. Based on his work at Clemson and his previous work in the private sector, Director Alford determined that he was the most qualified candidate for the position. His hiring was approved by the Attorney General's office.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

All the best,

Karen

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