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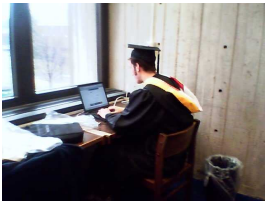
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Abstract

In lieu of an abstract, below is the essay's first paragraph.

"I figured it was about time I checked in with my favorite religion professors from my last three years of college and see how everything is going. You all probably are approaching mid-semester soon and I cannot tell you how good it feels to not think about tests and papers anymore. I do have some good news though. After a whole summer of contemplating what I was going to do with my life, I finally landed an amazing job. I work at a law firm, Pillar Processing LLC, out in Amherst, dealing mostly with foreclosure and bankruptcy. Our clients, however, are not the mortgagers; instead they are the powerful banks (Fannie, Freddie, Wells Fargo, and basically anyone who has made the news). I like to think of us as the criminal defense attorneys of the Real Estate sector. This job is very interesting; I work in the judgments department where I am responsible for all the paper work that goes to the attorneys and judges when they enter court. I also send out all the case information to the defendants so they are prepared for court. Overall, it's a very repetitive type of work; what keeps it going is that every county and every judge want something tweaked here and there or else they refuse the case in its entirety. Right now we're doing a huge "blitz" trying to get as many judgments as possible sent to court before the banks get locked out. Because of this I have had to work many hours of over time in the last few weeks. The job is on an entry level, pays about \$13/hr plus time and a half overtime, which requires an extra mandatory 4-8 hrs per week."



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October 2008

Good day to all!

I figured it was about time I checked in with my favorite religion professors from my last three years of college and see how everything is going. You all probably are approaching mid-semester soon and I cannot tell you how good it feels to not think about tests and papers anymore. I do have some good news though. After a whole summer of contemplating what I was going to do with my life, I finally landed an amazing job. I work at a law firm, Pillar Processing LLC, out in Amherst, dealing mostly with foreclosure and bankruptcy. Our clients, however, are not the mortgagers; instead they are the powerful banks (Fannie, Freddie, Wells Fargo, and basically anyone who has made the news). I like to think of us as the criminal defense attorneys of the Real Estate sector. This job is very interesting; I work in the judgments department where I am responsible for all the paper work that goes to the attorneys and judges when they enter court. I also send out all the case information to the defendants so they are prepared for court. Overall, it's a very repetitive type of work; what keeps it going is that every county and every judge want something tweaked here and there or else they refuse the case in its entirety. Right now we're doing a huge "blitz" trying to get as many judgments as possible sent to court before the banks get locked out. Because of this I have had to work many hours of over time in the last few weeks. The job is on an entry level, pays about \$13/hr plus time and a half overtime, which requires an extra mandatory 4-8 hrs per week.

I owe this job to all of you. My REST internship left a very solid impression on the company and was a major reason for their offer of employment. I cannot begin to explain

the gratitude I have for all of you for finding that opportunity and allowing me to participate in it. From the bottom of my heart, thank you! I have a feeling that the present job will be a gateway to future job opportunities; for that I will always be appreciative to you. Truly I can say that you made an impact on at least one student's life.

I have also decided to go back to school this fall for a paralegal certification. It's a six - week course that began in September; it runs every Saturday and Sunday from 9 A.M to 2 P.M. I will soon be a paralegal. The class has been extremely informative; I loved it, except for the early rising on the weekends. We did a lot of legal research and I became very comfortable in the law library. Right now, I'm carrying an A in the class with only one test to take. Hopefully this, along with my job, will be very helpful in my pursuit of law school. I have not given up on that; it still remains to be a very strong desire of mine. Hopefully, with a little more experience at work, my application will help offset my LSATS which I plan on re-taking. Either way, I'm heading in a positive direction with my only concern being that I may get trapped into staying in the Buffalo area.

Well, I hope all is well, spirits high, and your 'favorite' student not missed too much! Thank you for everything! May God bless you all.

-- Vince