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Letter of Interest

Newton Law Group
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Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Hiring Committee:

My name is Chafica Khodr Agha and I am writing to express great interest in a position with Newton Law Group. As a law graduate from American University with a strong international arbitration and litigation background, I am confident that I can make a significant contribution to the services of your firm.

In 2016, I worked as a Summer Associate for Obeid Law Firm amongst a highly diverse legal team on investor-state arbitration disputes and commercial cases in the domestic courts of Lebanon. I also operated independently and conducted research on complex legal issues involving multiple jurisdictions throughout the Middle East and Western Europe.

Thereafter, I joined the Transactional Law Society where I gained extremely effective quantitative, negotiation, and advocacy skills as an international competitor. My leadership in rigorous negotiations with diplomats, attorneys, and business executives resulted in my team winning the World Championship at the 2017 Warsaw Negotiation Rounds and 2nd place at the 2017 World Negotiation Challenge in Bogota, Colombia.

Currently, I specialize in domestic and international litigation as an Attorney and Legal Consultant for Consilio, LLC. My existing contract involves a lengthy investigation launched by The U.S. Department of Justice regarding Wells Fargo's alleged predatory banking practices. Though I enjoy the work I do, my real area of interest is in international litigation and dispute resolution, particularly in the Middle East.

Furthermore, I value the reputation that Newton Law Group has in the MENA region and the opportunity to work in a highly challenging professional environment that provides mentorship and practical training. Enclosed is my CV and cover letter for your reference. I am available at your convenience to discuss upcoming projects and would be happy to provide an arbitration writing sample. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Chafica M. Khodr Agha

Education

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| 2016 - 2018 | <p>M.A., International Affairs and MENA Studies 3.59/4.0 GPA
<i>American University School of International Service (Dual Degree Program)</i>
Relevant Coursework: Global Governance, Foreign Policy of the Middle East, Quantitative Statistical Analysis, Cross-Cultural Communications, International Law</p> |
| 2017 - 2014 | <p>J.D., International Commercial Arbitration 3.26/4.0 GPA
<i>American University Washington College of Law</i>
Honors and Activities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warsaw Negotiation Round - 1st place, Best Speaker Award• Transactional Law Society - International Competitor, U.S. Team Captain• Women's Law Association - Vice President• Trade and Investment Honor Society - Member• National Security Law and Policy Publication - Junior Staffer• Sustainable Development Law and Policy Brief - Junior Editor</p> |
| 2014 - 2010 | <p>B.A., International Relations and Political Science 3.39/4.0 GPA
<i>Florida International University</i>
Honors and Activities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>American University of Dubai</i>, Dual Certificate Exchange Program (5 months)• Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholar• Dean's List</p> |

Experience

- 2018/03 - Present
- Legal Consultant**
Consilio, LLC / Miramar, FL
- Works with Fortune 500 client companies on complex international litigation cases involving Department of Justice and other US government agencies to prepare for all stages of discovery
 - Investigates highly sensitive legal, financial, and corporate data to determine relevance and privilege
 - Audits work of legal investigation team, implements quality control measures, and reports key findings to counsel
 - Successfully cross-trains on multi-jurisdictional cases involving US and foreign companies to meet stringent deadlines
- 2017/11 - 2018/01
- Project Attorney**
InSite Wireless Group / Alexandria, VA
- Examined outdated and renegotiated agreements between client and major telecommunications companies including T-Mobile, Sprint, ATT, Straight Talk, Verizon, and the Government of Canada
 - Drafted legal reports to aid non-legal employees involved in negotiations with prospective clients
 - Analyzed, interpreted, and migrated significant amounts of legal data into InSite's financial database using Excel and other platforms to assist financial departments with determining effect of impending mergers on quarterly revenue
- 06/2017 - 01/2017
- Dean's Fellow, Arbitration Research Associate**
Center on International Commercial Arbitration / Washington, DC
- Co-authored key bench memorandum published by American University for arbitrators at the Sixth International LL.M. Arbitration Competition
 - Conducted complex legal research and prepared detailed reports on international investment disputes, government corruption, breach of international treaty obligations, and violations of international customary law
 - Examined salient arbitration issues and coordinated international conferences with arbitrators, judges, and dispute resolution institutions in Europe and South America
- 2017/02 - 2017/05
- Law Clerk**
U.S. Federal Trade Commission, Office of International Affairs / Washington, DC
- Coordinated with attorneys on international antitrust investigations to ensure compliance with Hague Convention, foreign rules for evidence, and the US-EU Privacy Shield's cross-jurisdictional requirements
 - Researched and drafted crucial cases and arguments for federal antitrust litigation against multiple Indian companies engaged in deceptive trade practices aimed at US and European consumers
- 2016/05 - 2016/08
- Summer Associate**
Obeid Law Firm / Beirut, Lebanon
- Compiled international legal research to develop objective recommendations for independent arbitrators in investor-state disputes involving treaty breaches
 - Drafted correspondence letters to opposing counsel regarding discovery matters in Lebanon's domestic courts
 - Worked with associate attorneys to draft arbitral submissions for multi-billion dollar ICC and ICSID cases
 - Authored confidential policy reports and educational training materials for regional conferences in North America, Europe, Africa, and Middle East on the harmonization of common and civil law in arbitral proceedings
 - Prepared letters and publications addressed to heads of state, ambassadors, and arbitral organizations
- 2016/01 - 2016/05
- Law Clerk**
Akin-Deko Professional Services / Alexandria, VA
- Drafted legal memoranda, interrogatories, direct examinations, and other legal material for contract, bankruptcy, taxation, business, and arbitration cases
 - Wrote commercial agreements for foreign investors, including arbitration and amicable settlement provisions
 - Prepared and filed business incorporation and dissolution documents for mid-sized companies
 - Liaison with IRS to file client tax registrations and prepare tax treatment for corporate clients
 - Wrote monthly article submissions for US Small Business Administration publication on emerging issues
- 2015/05 - 2015/08
- Oil and Gas Portfolio Analyst**
US Department of Commerce / Washington, DC
- Drafted policy proposals on Lebanon's emerging hydrocarbon market and effects of its political dispute with Israel
 - Briefed Senior Nuclear Trade Specialists on potential energy markets for US investors, political trends affecting mergers in private sector, and other critical issues affecting global energy economy

Other Information

Languages: Spanish (Intermediate), Arabic (Beginner)

Certifications: District of Columbia Bar (Member 2018), CAMBA Muslim Bar Association

Interests: Advocacy, Mentorship, Art, Volunteering, Meditation

Volunteering: Legal Aid Society, Bar Exam Mentor