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To Manager of the Internship Programme

ByrneWallace LLP

My name is Margaret O'Brien and I am a fourth-year BCL Law (International) student at University College Cork. I am interested in becoming a ByrneWallace Intern for various reasons, but particularly because I am interested in learning about how a full-service law firm works and because I am interested in many different aspects of the

I think the legal field is one of the most dynamic and exciting fields to work in. Very often you deal with a variety of different legal areas. For example, environmental law, employment law, human rights law, and corporate law are all strongly interconnected. In college, I have tried to expose myself to as many facets of the law as possible to achieve a well-rounded understanding of the subject. This is a practice that I would like to continue with in my professional career. Strategic thinking and problem-solving are required to work in the field, and in my studies, I have found that this kind of work suits me.

While on my Erasmus in Copenhagen, I encountered many people from different backgrounds. I also gained a strong insight into how legal practices work in Denmark, and in Scandinavia more generally. During my time in Copenhagen, I attended two international dinners run by upcoming Danish law firms. At these dinners, I spoke to individuals working within those firms and I learned more directly what it is like to work in a full-service law firm and about all of the different opportunities available within them. It also enabled me to see the similarities and differences between practices in Ireland and in Denmark.

Career Fairs and events within UCC have enabled me to gain an insight into Byrne Wallace. I would particularly like to work with it because of its dynamic culture that it has created. The firm's focus on development and ambition is something that I find very appealing. Further, prior graduates and other people that I have spoken to who have worked with the firm have always presented the image of an exciting workplace full of opportunities.

I hope the above illustrates why I wish to undertake the Internship Programme with ByrneWallace and I appreciate any consideration given to my application. If further information is needed, I am happy to provide it.

Yours Sincerely,

Margaret O'Brien