## COVER LETTER

To, Hiring Coordinator, ByrneWallace LLP.

I, Sanika Chandekar, am a postgraduate law student of Trinity College Dublin. I am applying for the position of a legal intern with your firm for the Summer of 2022. I learnt about your firm via online sources. I have a strong passion for Intellectual Property Law and I am more than willing to work in other practice areas of your firm.

It would be of great privilege to complete this internship with your esteemed firm. Five years of my undergraduate course and my LL.M. course allowed me to delve into various fields of law and get an insight into these fields. My past internships have given me an exposure to Intellectual Property Law and have generated a thirst to learn and gain more experience. These internships have helped me build a strong foundation in this discipline. I have learnt how to operate various online portals related to trademarks, patents, copyrights and designs. I was actively involved in legal blog writing, drafting, practical cases and research work.

My interest in IP led me to become a part of the Center for Intellectual Property Rights and Advocacy (CIPRA), a Center which was constituted by my previous university. Being a part of CIPRA paved the path to understanding the practical aspects of Intellectual Property via various projects that were conducted. I had to opportunity to be a part of the Geographical Indication (GI) Drive, a project devoted to narrowing down GIs in India which have the potential to get IP protection and assisting the concerned individual/organisation with the application procedure. I also had the opportunity to be a part of the Student Council for three consecutive years. As someone who has always wanted to get on the creative side of everything, I decided to join the PR & Media Committee of the Student Council. Taking on the role of a Senior Member and eventually the Chief of the Committee had a significant impact on my leadership skills. These skills and my previous experience pushed me to become the class representative for my LL.M. specialisation at Trinity College Dublin.

My current course at Trinity has given me the opportunity to get an insight into EU law related to intellectual property and information technology, and has furthered my interest in working in these areas.

I believe that working with your firm will give me the opportunity to expand my knowledge and will help me grow professionally, considering the expertise the firm carries and the various kinds of practice areas it deals with. I am a determined, consistent and hardworking candidate. I am confident that I would be a good fit for this internship programme and would be an asset to the firm in the future. I am confident that my interests and skills are well-suited to the work of your firm. I can be reached at +353892690591 or <a href="mailto:sanika.chandekar@gmail.com">sanika.chandekar@gmail.com</a>. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, Sanika Chandekar.