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Hiring Manager

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Dear Hiring Manager,

I am writing in response to your advertisement for the summer internship programme, which is currently advertised on the Careers website. I am a postgraduate student studying a master’s degree in law specifically international and comparative business law. Additionally, I have graduated with a bachelors in corporate law securing a first-class honour.

During my studies at the University of Galway, I have opted for modules relating to intellectual property, legal skills and comparative law. The study of subjects such as intellectual property law has piqued my interest in becoming a lawyer since fields such as technology are ripe for development and new discoveries. This semester, I was tasked with writing an essay about how current copyright law does not adequately safeguard artists' work. I found that the legislation in Ireland has quite a broad interpretation. While works of creative workmanship are protected in Ireland, there is no requirement that they have artistic quality. I wish to help clients by utilising taught skills such as writing and research.

 I have achieved excellent results in the past and will no doubt secure great grades in my current degree too. As you will see from my CV, I have spent time working in governmental agencies namely the Central Bank of Ireland and the Residential Tenancies Board. Although the work was initially administrative, I soon evolved to legal writing, and financial tasks which I thoroughly enjoyed. The above-mentioned jobs have widened my understanding and communication of the law, gave me an adept eye for detail, improved my legal writing and research skills and have allowed me to showcase agility.

Your firm is of special interest to me because of its national footprint and many practice areas. This will allow me to learn from many professionals in different competencies and with different experience. I enjoy challenges and have always found problem solving very rewarding. For these reasons the legal profession appears to suit both my hard and soft skills. I am keen to progress swiftly towards a professional qualification and I am aware that you place great emphasis on education. I would welcome the prospect to discuss the role and my own experience in more detail and would be available for interview most days with the exception of Monday and Thursday.

Yours faithfully,

Whitney Lijoka