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Dear Byrne Wallace,

I am writing to apply for the Internship programme advertised.

Qualifications

I hold a Bachelors of Agricultural Science Honours (Animal Science) degree from University College Dublin. This degree is awarded at level 8 NFQ by University College Dublin NUI. During my Bachelor’s, I completed modules in science, agricultural science, animal science and business management. I am a trained Scientist with professional laboratory experience.

Further, I hold a postgraduate Higher Diploma in Business Honours degree from Dublin Business School. This degree is awarded at level 8 NFQ jointly by Dublin Business School and Quality Qualifications Ireland (QQI Award). I completed modules in business management and organisational behaviour, marketing, digital media strategies, finance, law, business strategy, economics, ICT etc. This qualification built upon my prior business knowledge and has provided an understanding of how businesses operate.

Moreover, I hold a Postgraduate Diploma in Law awarded by the Law Society of Ireland. I have successfully the course and obtained a 2.1 overall. I completed modules in: Constitutional Law, Contract Law, Criminal Law, Law of Tort, Company Law, Property Law, European Union Law and Equity Law. This qualification built on my prior legal knowledge. This qualification has provided an essential foundation in the eight core areas examinable in the Law Society Final Entrance FE-1 Examinations. In addition, the Pass mark for each module on the course was 50%. Further, the course contained workshops in which Barristers provided a practical approach to the law. This was an aspect which I personally enjoyed because legal doctrine was applied practically to problem scenarios.

Presently, I am enrolled on the Master of Laws LL.M in Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law in University College Dublin. This Masters qualification is one year full time and is awarded at level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications. This Masters complements my existing qualifications in Science, Business and Law. The Masters will significantly build on my prior legal knowledge. I have registered for the following modules: Patent Law, Trade Mark Law, Data Protection and Privacy Law, Environmental Law, Climate Change Law and Law of The European Convention on Human Rights.

I’ve chosen to write my Masters Dissertation in Law on Biotechnological inventions and the patentability of human DNA & life; European and US approaches. Primarily this will focus on the exceptions from patentability under the European Patent Convention, European Union Law and United States Law.

FE-1 Exams

I have successfully passed the following five FE-1 Examination subjects in 2018; Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Law of Tort, Property Law and Company Law.

I feel this accomplishment is evidence of my academic ability in Law.

Scientific experience

In addition to having a theoretical understanding of science, I also have professional experience in the field. Indeed, I worked on laboratory research in Teagasc Grange in the area of animal genetics. Further, I was a Walsh Fellow in Teagasc Ashtown on a Walsh Fellowship. The Walsh Fellowship provides funding for full time research leading to a Doctor of Philosophy PhD. Indeed, I worked in Teagasc Ashtown on a PhD title ‘Genomics in beef eating quality’ and was registered for a Ph.D. in Veterinary Medicine in University College Dublin, School of Veterinary Medicine. I worked for three months in Teagasc Ashtown in research but left for personal reasons. Further, I’ve previously tutored Leaving Certificate Higher level Biology. Moreover, I was appointed Leaving Certificate Higher Level Examiner for Agricultural Science in 2018 by the State Examinations Commission and corrected 329 examinations. Thus, I have an expert knowledge of Agricultural Science. Recently, the State Examinations Commission have offered me the position of Agricultural Science Higher Level Examiner for the 2019 Examinations which I’ve accepted.

Legal experience

I’ve experience of legal research and writing legal essays for college. I’m familiar with online searching through legal journals and for case law. Previously, I worked as an Advice Worker in Threshold where I obtained detailed knowledge of the amended Residential Tenancies Act 2004. Indeed, the Act provides the statutory legal rights and obligation for both landlord and tenant. Threshold charity runs a free advice service for tenants that have legal issues with landlords. Threshold aim is to assist tenants and prevent homelessness. Further, I have given legal advice to family and friends in the areas of business law, contract law and property law. Indeed, one of my neighbours is a sole trader who runs her own wedding dress business has asked for frequent legal advice.

The enclosed CV illustrates my qualifications and work experience.

I look forward to hearing from you to arrange an interview, so I can better highlight my strengths as your next intern.

Yours sincerely,

Aaron O’Connor B.Agr.Sc. (Hons), H.Dip.Bus. Dip. Law, LL.M. (IP&IT).