Dear Bryne Wallace solicitors,

Hello. My name is Aidan Murray. I am interested in applying for your firm's summer internship program for 2016.

I am in my third year of the Law with History Program at University College Dublin. Currently, I am studying for a semester at the University of California Davis Law school.

I charted my own non-traditional path after high school, forgoing a traditional experience in America for what to me seemed the grand academic adventure of studying law and history abroad. Taking on the study of law and history in Ireland at the college level, with virtually no academic background in Irish law or history, represented substantial academic and social challenges.

I adapted to my new environment. I excelled. I consistently placed toward the top of my class and have earned grades that have improved significantly every year, concluding with achieving a first in my most recent semester.

I believe that my eagerness to explore unfamiliar problems, ability to adapt as necessary, and then excel, are qualities important in the practice of Law. I am excited to apply these skills to make a worthwhile contribution to Byrne Wallace.

One of the areas of law I am most interested in is intellectual property, an area I know that Byrne Wallace specializes in. One of the reasons I chose to go to UC Davis for a semester was that Davis is particularly strong in the area of Intellectual Property Law. I find the emerging issues raised by cases such as the recent FineBrothers scandal to be particularly engaging. I would love to have the opportunity to intern at your firm to learn about the sorts of practical issues that arise in actual day to day intellectual property practice.

My semester ends on May twentieth. I am available thereafter.

I look forward to hearing back. I can be reached by email at <u>aidan.murray</u>. <u>1@ucdconnect.ie</u> or by phone at +353.087.696.6470. Although I would like to have an in person interview, I am currently studying in Davis, California. Therefore an in person interview may be impractical. I am, however, available for an interview via Skype or FaceTime.