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88 Harcourt Street

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30 January 2017

**Re: Application for Summer Internship Programme**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my interest in the Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Programme and I have attached a copy of my CV and application form for your perusal. I am an extremely hardworking, enthusiastic, and ambitious first-class honours law student at the University of Limerick and I have a particularly strong interest in the area of commercial law. I recently completed a five-month work placement at another leading Irish law firm and this has served to strengthen my desire to pursue a career as a commercial lawyer. Feedback from my manager during that placement was very positive and he noted that my case management skills were one of my key strengths.

Securing a position on the Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Programme would provide me with an excellent opportunity to work alongside some of Ireland’s most experienced lawyers as well as giving me an invaluable insight into what it is like to work as a trainee solicitor in the firm. This internship would also provide me with an excellent grounding for building a career as a commercial lawyer. Byrne Wallace is an extremely prestigious firm and an attractive place to complete a summer internship for a number of reasons. First and foremost, Byrne Wallace has an abundance of awards and achievements including being named Law Firm of the Year 2016 at the Irish Law Awards and being the only top ten Irish law firm to be awarded Lexcel accreditation – all of which emphasize the firm’s culture of excellence and the high standard of work carried out by the firm’s people. Byrne Wallace also prides itself on developing top legal talent and it is their determination in achieving this goal coupled with my determination to become a top quality commercial lawyer that has made Byrne Wallace my law firm of preference. Working in a large commercial law firm has allowed me to sample the fast-paced, high-pressure environment that a thriving commercial law firm has to offer and this has reinforced my decision to pursue a career in this field as there are new and exciting projects and challenges every day. I hope to add to this experience and further develop my skillset by working for Byrne Wallace this summer.

I would be extremely grateful to be considered for a position on the Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Programme as it would enable me to sample what the daily role of trainee solicitor in the firm involves. Ultimately, I would love to work for Byrne Wallace as a trainee solicitor in the future and the Summer Internship Programme would help to confirm whether or not I would be a good fit for the firm.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Alison McSherry