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 11th February 2016.

Ms C. McLoughlin,

Byrne Wallace,

88 Harcourt Street,

Dublin 2.

Dear Ms McLoughlin,

I am a BCL student of Dublin City University and currently in my final year of my degree. I am writing to apply for the Summer Internship Programme in Byrne Wallace.

I wish to complete an internship with Byrne Wallace because of the firm’s unparalleled reputation in commercial law, in particular, employment law. Byrne Wallace was recently awarded Employment Law Team of the Year 2015 at the *Irish Law Awards 2015.* Furthermore Byrne Wallace guarantees interns an opportunity to work as a member of a legal team on projects, cases and deals.

My academic and extracurricular experiences have given me the requisite skills to be a successful intern with Byrne Wallace. My undergraduate degree in Law has taught me the skills necessary for the close analysis and interpretation of legal texts. These are vital skills in a commercial setting as the inclusion or otherwise of a single term in a facility agreement could determine the destination of millions of euro in litigation on that agreement.

A summer internship with Noel Smyth & Partners provided invaluable commercial experience of the litigation industry, and would give me important insights into your clients’ concerns. Furthermore, it facilitated the opportunity to showcase my legal skills and work ethic, both of which were evidenced while drafting and amending affidavits that were then filed in the Central Office. Upon completion, I was offered the opportunity to return for a second internship by the head of the commercial department Ronan Hannigan.

I have acquired international experience both legally and academically. A summer internship with Gherson, an immigration law firm in London provided an opportunity to apply the practical legal skills I had developed in Noel Smyth & Partners and apply them at a higher level working in corporate immigration in London. Moreover, it demonstrated my determination to take advantage of opportunities. Whilst at Gherson, I accepted the role of legal receptionist for one week, which consisted of answering client calls and meeting the demands of the principle partner Roger Gherson daily. Practice Manager Diana De Bruyn subsequently offered me the position of paralegal based on my performance during the internship. I believe these experiences of interacting with internationally high profile clients would be beneficial to Byrne Wallace because this demonstrates my ability to work under pressure and adapt to my surroundings in a demanding environment and on an international level.

I have a strong passion for travelling and meeting new people, which inspired me to apply to study in the U.S. Availing of this opportunity, has increased my cultural awareness significantly through networking with persons from various backgrounds and nationalities. In addition to creating new connections, I ensured to strive for academic excellence, achieving a 4.0 GPA and subsequently being nominated to become a member of the National Scholars of Collegiate Society. I believe that having a strong cultural awareness and extensive experience in the U.S would be beneficial to Byrne Wallace given its international clientele and office in New York.

In addition to my academic and legal experience, I work part time as a waiter in Bar Number 27 in the Shelbourne Hotel. This experience has increased my commercial awareness. The position demands a rigorous work ethic and determination to satisfy the needs of VIP guests by delivering five star services. I joined the Shelbourne staff on a casual contract and due to a strong performance and willingness to take on responsibility from an early stage, I was offered a permanent part time position with the company. This demonstrates my ability to build lasting relationships with colleagues and clientele while working efficiently as part of a team at a high standard in the commercial industry. I believe this would be beneficial to Byrne Wallace where it is essential to have the stamina to work efficiently for long periods of time and have the ability to engage with clients and colleagues.

Thank you for taking the time for reading my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Giblin.