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Ref: Application for Internship Programme

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a current law student who aims to become a solicitor in a large Irish law firm I am submitting this letter of application for your internship programme.

Throughout the summer I spent three months as a legal intern in Dublin City Council. I worked closely with both the Personal Injury Department and the Litigation Department. The time I spent here greatly improved my legal knowledge, critical thinking and legal drafting skills whilst also confirming my intentions to work in litigation.

I also have a background in sales and the time I spent in these roles has given me valuable experience that I believe will be of great benefit to me as a practicing solicitor in a commercial law firm. As the majority of these roles were commission based I am experienced working in high pressure environments. Important skills I acquired in these roles include:

- Negotiation skills which I mainly developed during my time spent as a car sales executive as negotiating with customers was a daily occurrence.

* Being able to analyse situations quickly whilst under pressure.
* Time management skills because how much I earned was always dependant on how many deals I secured within a set timeframe.

My primary reasons for applying for the internship are:

* The challenge of being involved with complex areas of law.
* The firm’s strong employment department as employment law is one of my main areas of interest.
* The opportunity to be exposed to other areas of the law that are of interest to me such as Environmental Law and Mergers and Acquisitions.

I look forward to hearing from you and should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the information provides. I attach my curriculum vitae for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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