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My name is Con Berkery and I wish to apply for the Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Programme 2017. I feel that I would be a fantastic candidate for this internship as, coinciding with my development throughout University, I have seen a commercial awareness evolve into a genuine desire which I want to pursue professionally in a commercial law firm. I believe that I possess many of the key attributes which potential solicitors should have, such as analytic thinking, a methodical approach to work, the desire to innovate discover more efficient ways of working, discipline, and the drive to succeed in each task I am presented with.

I am currently in my Junior Sophister year of Law (LLB) in Trinity College Dublin. Throughout my third level education, my passion for Law has never wavered and I have garnered many skills which are of critical importance for any lawyer. Upon graduation, I wish to continue my training as a solicitor and to work for a firm such as Byrne Wallace. I believe that Byrne Wallace is the firm which best caters for my diverse range of interests including IT Law and Administrative Law. To work with the wealth of experience contained within Byrne Wallace, such as Darren Daly in Data Protection and Technology, and Michelle Ní Longáin in Administrative Law and Freedom of Information, is a prospect which excites me greatly and affirms Byrne Wallace as the firm which would suit me best. Seeing the involvement of Byrne Wallace in events such as the 13th Annual Health Summit and their sponsorship of the Irish Software Awards consolidates my interest in the firm.

I believe that the skills and attributes acquired through living in a boarding school, being employed across a variety of industries, spending a summer living and working in America and overcoming adversity have enhanced me as a person, while portraying my hard-working and problem-solving personality.

I realise that my repeating of my Junior Freshman year in college may give rise to some concern for your firm. The reason I chose to repeat the year is because in the space of 18 months, I had lost 2 very close friends to separate car accidents and my 3-year-old cousin to cancer. It was on the back of these unforeseen circumstances that I decided to repeat to truly reflect my abilities and my passion for law. I believe that the increases in my academic results are a representation of this determination. I further believe that commuting from Tipperary to Dublin daily for two years highlights my work ethic and my drive to succeed.

My interests are quite varied but primarily revolve around a keen interest in Irish culture, particularly music and sport. I have represented my club Toomevara, my school Cistercian College Roscrea and my university Trinity College Dublin with distinction in Hurling while also representing Roscrea with success in both Rugby and Tennis. I have been involved in equestrian events from the age of 5 and still maintain a healthy interest. Other hobbies outside of sport include literature, current affairs, writing, travelling internationally, visiting historical sites and going to museums. I also enjoy volunteering as giving back to the community and helping individuals is something which I am very passionate about. I have been involved in the 24-hour Relay for Life every year since its inception in Toomevara GAA Club and have raised funds for Link Community Development and the Irish Heart Foundation in the past.

I believe that my academic, work, and life experiences set me apart from other applicants as one who is ideally suited to an internship and a career at Byrne Wallace and would welcome any further contact from your firm. I have enclosed a copy of my Curriculum Vitae for your attention.

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Con Berkery.