**Conor Newman, February 2016.**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am kindly writing to you in order to hopefully procure a position in the Byrne & Wallace summer internship programme. I am a BA graduate of International Relations and Political Science, and current full-time Masters of Law student in UCD. I initially gained both an awareness and interest in Byrne & Wallace through interacting with some of your delegates at the UCD internship fair in the first year of my Bachelor’s Degree.

I have always had an interest in law as a means for mental perspiration. I believe my interest initially peaked watching various legal cable television shows as a young kid. I was drawn to the ability to gain control of any argument. I was born into a family of academics and as a result, arguing became one of my favorite pastimes.

An internship opportunity with Byrne & Wallace would allow me to access critical experience in my future commitment to practicing law. I have a passion for achieving a career in the legal sector, and this internship opportunity would provide me with a physical understanding of the work needed to turn my passion into a career, as well as implementing my current Masters degree education in a practical sense. I am confident that I could contribute substantially, as I feel that I am self-motivated and well disciplined. History has shown me that I am a fast learner and I tend to thrive working under high pressure. Additionally, my main legal interest recently has rested in the realm of corporate, specifically contract law, and it would be an honor to spend any amount of time working with the leading firm in this area.

Rather than pursuing a Bachelor’s Degree in Law, for which I had the relevant CAO point accumulation, I made the decision to instead pursue a BA. I strongly feel that undertaking a non-law BA was the best decision I have ever made, as it allowed me to intellectually mature as an individual. I was able to develop my societal understanding through a very broad and far-ranging subject matter, which provided me with the academic grounding to eventually focus my pursuit of a career in law.

Throughout my studies, I have worked in the F&B industry for the past number of years, including in various management roles. I have learned a great deal through working in this high tempo industry, and I continue to every day. My experience from customer interaction and restaurant management, have been critical in my growth as an individual, development of new skills (notably communication, delegation, time management and critical thinking) and my fundamental understanding of the work environment. Overall, it has improved my motivation and self-discipline.

I very much hope to be considered for the position on offer. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Conor Newman