**Conor Newman, October 2016.**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a BA graduate from the school of International Relations and Political Science with a minor in History, and current full-time LLM / MCL student in University College Dublin. I have plans to sit part of my FE-1 examinations in October of 2017, with a view to complete the remainder in Spring, 2018. Additionally, I plan on sitting the Massachusetts Bar Association examinations, which I am eligible for through my American citizenship.

An employment opportunity with a reputable and established law firm, such as Byrne and Wallace, would allow me to gain access to the critical experience required in order to achieve my future commitment to practicing law. I have developed a potent passion for working in the legal sector, with my main interest resting in the commercial sphere.

I came to law via the road less travelled by. I undertook a Bachelors Degree in a non-law area and have been employed at management level in the food and beverage industry my entire working life. My experiences have shaped me differently to some of my peers and I am thankful for that, as I have matured in a manner that has prepared me for broad learning, rather than a narrower alternative.

Any such opportunity granted by your respectable firm, would provide me with vital legal growth, as well as granting me a platform for implementing my LLM studies and other education in a practical sense. I am confident that I could contribute substantially, as I feel that I am self-motivated and well disciplined. My employment history has shown me that I am a fast learner and I tend to thrive working under high pressure, particularly in scenarios where I have held significant positions of responsibility.

As a means for funding my studies, I have worked in the Food and Beverage 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