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Re: Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Programme

Dear Sir/Madam

My name is Conor O’Donovan and I am currently a third and final year BCL student in University College Cork.

I want to pursue an internship with Byrne Wallace to give my legal career the best possible start and to work within a firm that is at the fore of the Irish legal market, on the national and international planes. I am seeking a stimulating, challenging work environment to allow me to develop my strengths, identify and work on my weaknesses and gain key skills to allow me to develop as a solicitor.

I am of the belief that many of my strengths stem from extra-curricular activities which include a keen interest in current affairs and the world around me. I am also a passionate fan of hip-hop music and creative writing which I believe aids my drafting skills. In addition, through my extensive involvement in the charitable organisation Students Harnessing Aid for the Relief of the Elderly (‘SHARE’) as vice-chairman of the organisation between September 2012 and September 2013, I have honed my communication skills. This involvement and voluntary contribution with SHARE is an experience which I regard as one of my most valuable to date. During this period, I was involved in a Christmas campaign in which we executed a fortnight long collection in the run up to the holiday.

In addition, I also garnered a wealth of public speaking experience including a live interview with 96FM promoting our campaign and a public speech to hundreds of members of Cork’s public, endorsing our campaign. I believe, as a result of this experience, I am a much more able and confident communicator.

I keep up with current affairs by reading the newspaper daily and through various online outlets. I have a keen interest in creative and functional writing and have written articles, varying in topic, one of which has been published in UCC’s own publication. As noted above, I am an avid hip-hop fan and keep up with the genre as much as possible.

I consider myself both a strong communicator and an able-bodied, driven individual, capable of thriving within the competitive environment of a legal firm as reputable as Byrne Wallace. I would be delighted if my application resulted in the award of a place in your forthcoming interview sessions and I thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

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