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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is David Hick and I am writing to apply for the 2017 Summer Intern Programme. I am currently a candidate for the Masters in Common Law degree at UCD and am due to graduate in 2017. Please find a copy of my CV attached with the online application form.

I am applying for the internship in order to add to my portfolio of work-experience whilst seeing first-hand how commercial solicitors interact with, interpret and resolve their clients’ problems. I am interested in Byrne Wallace due to the wide range of practice areas which the firm specialises in, particularly their expertise as a top-tier firm in the area of Healthcare law. This sector was one I took particular interest in during my university studies and is an area which seems to grow in importance with each well-documented crisis that faces the Irish healthcare system. I am also impressed by the firm’s accumulated accolades, especially the Lexcel accreditation which I see as matching the high standards I would expect from any potential employer.

I believe I am a suitable candidate for the Summer Intern Programme due to my consistently strong academic record and work experience to date. At university I have achieved first-class honours at both graduate and post-graduate level. As a student of literature, I understand the unwavering importance of clarity, concision and accurate information, with this appreciation of language translating naturally to my current legal studies. My university study to date has been based mainly on autonomous, self-motivated work which required discipline and precision.

My work experience in the UCD Bursar’s Office has exposed me to the importance of handling sensitive data with care, and has given me a key insight into the workings of a busy office environment which compliments the independent nature of my university study by allowing me to function as part of a larger team working towards a common goal. As a result of my study and work experience, along with extra-curricular activities such as debating with the UCD Law Society, I have learned to develop strong communication skills in both written and oral formats.

Finally I would like to add that, after three years working full-time, I returned to university to study law because of the natural blend of academic rigour and practical intellectual challenges that law as a career entails. I believe being part of the Summer Intern Programme would expose me further to the challenges and rewards of being a full-time solicitor, and I would relish the opportunity to be given this experience. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 0861012992 or davidhick@gmail.com. Thank you for taking the time to read this application and I hope you will consider me for the programme.

Yours faithfully,

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