Dear Hiring Team,

My name is Deborah Yetman, I am in my last year of my Masters in Common Law degree at University College Dublin and I am writing to apply for an Internship with ByrneWallace for the Summer 2019. I was persuaded to apply for an internship with you after attending the law fair held on UCD campus this past month. It was here where I spoke to one of your representatives and learned about the significance that you place on your client relations. This was so influential in my decision to apply with you because I want to work for a firm where there is an emphasis on putting in the necessary work to succeed, but there is also importance placed on building authentic relationships with those around you, helping you enjoy the process of what you are doing.

I completed my undergraduate degree in Sociology and Psychology at Memorial University in Canada before moving to Ireland with the sole intention of going to law school here and starting my legal career. My academic experience has developed my ability to analytically research, think with a critical eye and apply what I am doing in a wider social context. During this period, I spent time working as a legal research assistant where I was responsible for transcribing interviews and finding patterns within these to submit to my professor as empirical evidence to implement policy change within the Canadian legal system. I became proficient in statistical analysis software and learned how to break down complex issues into smaller more manageable components. Additionally, I experienced working under a tight deadline while also balancing six courses and working full-time as a Personal Trainer to fund my education.

Working as a personal trainer developed my interpersonal skills to the utmost degree, as it allowed me to realize my passion for building relationships with people and commitment to working endlessly to help them achieve their desired goals. It also gave me experience teaching group classes thus, shaping my leadership skills, ability to effectively communicate ideas and to become very comfortable with public speaking.

In law school, I have had many opportunities to expand on my legal knowledge and develop my skills as a future lawyer. As a representative of UCD for The Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot held in Vienna this upcoming April, I have been given first-hand insight into commercial arbitration and what it entails. Additionally, I volunteer with UCD’s Student Legal Service Society. Our aim is to make legal advice more accessible by providing it for free to students. The modules I have studied throughout my Master’s degree have ignited a personal interest in corporate law beyond academics. Being introduced to courses such as Company Law, International Arbitration, and International Human Rights have taught me to combine my passion for social justice with my personal interest in the corporate world that will help me to build sincere relationships with others that will benefit us both.

Once I set my mind to a goal, I will work endlessly to achieve it, and I am committed to bringing this same passion to ByrneWallace. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Deborah Yetman