Denis Harney

**Dear Manager of Intern Programme**

I am applying for the position of Summer intern. I have had an interest in current affairs and politics since I was young. Growing up my family always watched current affairs programs on television and talked about politics. When it came time to choose my college course I felt it would be wise to pursue these interests further and chose a degree in law and business. I have thoroughly enjoyed my course since the first day. I have enjoyed both sides of the degree, both the business and the law side. This made me think that it would be wise to keep business in my career to an extent, hence why a commercial law firm seemed like a good idea to me. However, I needed to test this hunch out.

This led me to accepting an internship with the commercial law firm Eversheds Sutherland last summer for eleven weeks. I really enjoyed all the work I was involved in. I found all the work so interesting and knew this was the right career path for me. Therefore, the reason that I am applying to Byrne Wallace is that I want to have a career in this sector and want to work with the industry leaders in this area. I am hoping to be given the chance by Byrne Wallace to prove that I am an exceptional candidate for their traineeship programme. Notwithstanding this, I am also simply hoping to gain more experience in the sector over Summer and would dearly like to spend it in the top commercial law firm in Ireland.

I have come from a disadvantaged background and I have had to work very hard to get to this stage of college. Working long hours through the night to pay for the privilege of going to college the next morning has instilled in me the value of hard work. I have gained a huge number of other transferable skills from the many part time jobs I have had throughout college also. I think I would be a very good fit for Byrne Wallace and hope I am considered for the programme.

**faithfully,**

**Denis Harney**