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Ms. Cróna Mc Loughlin,

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1st February 2017.

Dear Ms. Mc Loughlin,

I am writing today to submit my interest in the summer internship programme within Byrne Wallace. Having attended the Opening Evening on Tuesday the 18th October 2016, speaking to current trainees and attending the first round of traineeship interviews on the 8th November 2016, my interest in your firm remains strong. I am a graduate of the University College Dublin Bachelor of Civil Law Class of 2015 (2:1) and most recently, the first graduate of the University Connecticut School of Law LLM in Human Rights and Social Justice in May 2016. I completed a legal clerkship in the Probate Court in Farmington, Connecticut with Judge Evelyn Daly for the summer months, returning to Ireland upon completion and am currently studying for the FE1 Examinations.

I am very interested in the legal work of Byrne Wallace and both my academic and legal commitments have prepared me for a dedicated career in practising law. I welcomed the diversity among trainees from varied countries and legal backgrounds, remarking the emphasis placed on corporate social responsibility. I am an ambitious and experienced candidate. I believe my experiences to date will enrich the work conducted by the firm. It is for that reason that I put forward my specific interest to your firm. The opportunity to display my skills as a team player and as a self motivated student is especially appealing., focusing on the realisation of goals for both the company and the student. The work undertaken by solicitors such as Sinead Kearney and Patrick Mc Clean in the areas of mental health law and children’s law particularly struck me as these are areas I have been engaged with in a domestic and international setting. I have been very involved with elder law and see it as a growing area of concern and need also.

Throughout my academic studies, I have gained valuable experience practising what I have learnt and developing the legal skills necessary. My time spent this past academic year studying and working has allowed me to engage in a broader examination of key legal topics and expands my thought process and apply those improved skills in a workplace environment. My ability to communicate with clients and colleagues effectively has been a growing strength of mine and something I really enjoy. I have experience working in a legal aid centre, with the Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC), Public Interest Law Alliance, and within the U.S court system. These varied legal experiences have broadened my ability to identify legal issues and generate alternative solutions.

I hope to hear from you in due course and look forward to any questions you may have regarding my application. Please find enclosed my CV for your attention. I thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours Sincerely,

Ellen Reid.