Cover Letter

To whom it may concern,

I am currently in my third year in Dublin City University studying Law and History as a joint honours degree. I would really love a place in *the ByrneWallace Summer Intern Programme* as I feel as thoughthe experience would be hugely beneficial and while I have not done an internship in a legal facility before I am very eager to learn and a very hard worker*. I have a real interest in Irish law and the current issues and debates that surround it, as a student who studies law and history I feel as though I have a very unique perspective of the law and how it has developed over the years. Having a wide knowledge in general world history (particularly Europe) I have a deep understanding of how society has changed over the years and how this is reflected in our legal system. History is passion of mine and by being able to study history alongside law has opened my mind and allowed me to form opinions and be more critical of legal issues and this is reflected in my approach to my legal essays. I have had the privilege of having a very diverse course and have even explored philosophy in a ‘political thought’ module which has opened my eyes to were ideas of ethics emerged and how it manifested itself in law.*

*I enjoy learning about human rights law, however, my interests in law are not limited to just that area, I found that contract law and torts law was hugely compelling, and I am always very intrigued by problem solving and peeling through a case to find the legislation at issue and the solution. Over the last few years when I have not been studying I have travelled and had the opportunity to experience new places particularly in Europe. This has helped me broaden my horizons and allowed me to experience diverse cultures. In my spare time I also enjoy reading novels especially fantasy fiction.*

*I realised law was the career I wanted to pursue when I was sixteen years old. I did my transition year work experience with trained barrister Lisa Daly, I shadowed her for two weeks and seeing how she approached cases and how the Irish legal system operates intrigued me, and I knew very quickly that this was a career that suited my personality. I enjoy working with people either in groups or one on one and I have a mind for problem solving. I have enjoyed studying law in DCU for the last two and a half years and I think now would be a wonderful time to take it the next step further. I plan on being a solicitor in the near future and I feel as though an internship with ByrneWallace would allow me to take that next step. I have worked in retail for year and have always been very punctual and capable of following instructions working in this environment has allowed me to take on a lot of responsibility and I have always been very reliable. I hope you will consider me for your internship programme and I hope to see you very soon.*

Yours Sincerely,

Gemma Harrington.