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Re: Summer Intern Programme Application

Dear Ms. Onslow,

I wish to apply for the Byrne Wallace Summer Intern Programme. I graduated with a 2:1 degree in Law (International) from University College Cork in May 2017, and last October passed three FE1 examinations. I plan to sit the remaining five this coming March 2018.

I have always had a passion and hunger to learn, and to expand my legal knowledge. In the third year of my undergraduate degree, I spent a year studying in University of Oslo School of Law, taking Master's level modules. In addition, in July 2017, I took up an internship in an international law firm in London. I believe this demonstrates my desire to constantly learn, and a genuine passion for law.

I believe I am equipped with the requisite skills and experience to allow me to excel within the Byrne Wallace Intern Programme.

As a published contributor in both the Current Affairs and Opinions sections of UCC's campus magazine 'Motley', I have proven that I am articulate and perform to a deadline. These are critical skills for any solicitor.

I would also cite my exemplary work ethic. Since the age of 16, I have been employed each summer. I have accumulated comprehensive experience in various industries and businesses, allowing me to develop the skills which I believe make me an outstanding candidate for the intern programme.

Firstly, I spent five summers working in Biocel Limited, which provides industrial cleaning products to various industry leaders such as Diageo, Pernod Ricard, Abbvie and Dairygold. Working within this small business in a competitive market, a common-sense approach to working is critical, and there is no room for excuses or error – results are of paramount importance.

From my time working in James Riordan & Partners Solicitors in Cork over the past 3 months, I know that this common-sense, results driven mindset is of similar importance in a commercial law firm setting.

Similarly, working in both retail and promotions allowed me to foster an attitude of thinking clearly on my feet and working on my own initiative. In the context of a commercial law firm, these are extremely useful skills. Retail and promotions also allowed me to refine my inter-personal skills, so as I could deal with customers and clients in a confident, articulate manner. Consequently, while working for an international law firm in London in 2017, I was often entrusted to be a liaison for the office, and found that this role came naturally to me.

Lastly, I am aware that the culture and ethos of a firm is extremely important. Having competed at a high level across various sports and performed in orchestras from a young age, I understand team work and cooperation, and the importance of working together to achieve goals and targets.

To conclude, I wish to develop my skillset in an environment where I know my legal and commercial acumen will be nurtured. Byrne Wallace grants interns detailed exposure to the roles and responsibilities of a commercial solicitor working at the firm. This invaluable experience and top-class training is what attracts me to the firm, and why I am so keen to join the intern programme. I believe I have the qualities to exceed the firm's expectations, and would prove this if afforded a place on the programme.

Yours sincerely,

Harry McCarthy