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Dear Sir/ Madam,

My name is Ian Murphy and I’m writing to you in the hope of making it to the interview stage of your summer internship programme. I am a 3rd year BCL with Economics student in UCD currently on an exchange in the University of Miami in their JD programme.

I wish to participate in your Summer Internship programme in order to experience what daily life is like at a top law firm as I hope to forge a career in corporate law. I believe with ByrneWallace being the top law firm in Ireland and representing major national and international clients there is no better place to get my first exposure in this field. I am most interested in the field of international investments and negotiations between large companies and States, my studies of this in Miami has really opened my eyes to this field, my course has particular emphasis on the growing economies of Latin America and the post soviet era countries as their markets began to privatise. I find it fascinating and I hope to continue learning in this field and focus on Ireland’s international investments and how it drives our economy. I have a growing interest in corporate litigation and dispute resolution and as ByrneWallace is a leading firm in this field the opportunity to learn under the guise of the best in the business is beyond incentivising. It is clear that ByrneWallace is a great, friendly and welcoming place to work and that in itself is extremely appealing.

My work experience in Kirwan & Kirwan last summer exposed me to my first taste of the legal world and while I thoroughly enjoyed it, it motivated me to grow and gave me a yearning to challenge myself at a big corporate firm. As did NMUN last March, I was a head delegate and organiser for UCD's National Model United Nations (NMUN) delegation that competed in New York in March 2015. We went on to be 1 of 12 delegations that was awarded ‘Outstanding delegation’ in the UN headquarters out of over 370 international delegations. As head delegate, the responsibilities I shared were: Creating an application

process, Reading applications, Conducting interviews, Picking delegates, Training delegates weekly, Applying to UCD for permission to go and obtain Grants, Contacting various Law Firms and other corporations for sponsorship, managing and encourage fundraising, booking flights and accommodation for 15 students, creating the itinerary for our trip,

responsible for 12 other students for 1 week in New York City, Making sure everything ran smoothly and deal with any problems that arose I found working through language barriers and negotiating with people from all over the world to be fantastically rewarding and I loved meeting similar and dissimilar minded people and debating today’s global issues.

My interest in Law first began to bloom in my 3rd year of secondary school when my English teacher held a debate competition in class. There was something extremely empowering about speaking up in front of peers, something I hadn’t done previous due to my speech impediment. I fell in love with public speaking, going on to establish the first English speaking debating team in my school two years later, as well as being a prefect for my final two years in secondary school. This provided me with the chance to speak in public numerous times, something I was extremely grateful for.

When I started to think seriously about my career, there wasn’t much thought needed, law just made sense to me. It combined everything I was good at, and the more I researched it, the more I fell in love with the idea of studying law, to the point where now I can honestly say there is no other subject I would rather be studying. I decided to study Law in UCD because it gave me the opportunity to obtain not only an excellent law degree but also the opportunity to achieve a secondary degree in Economics.

If successful I would hope to leave after four weeks with a taste of what my future holds. I would aim to learn and experience as much as possible and not pass on a single opportunity to challenge myself intellectually, to meet someone new or learn a new skill.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Ian Murphy.