To whom it may concern

I am a twenty-three-year-old law student and I have just completed my BCL International degree in UCC with a 2.1 result. I have extensive experience working in both commercial and non-commercial law firms which has developed my sense of commercial awareness and has given me a taste for what it would be like to train in a renowned commercial law firm such as Byrne and Wallace . As well as having worked in law I have worked in the hospitality area for quite several years which has developed my interpersonal skills and as such I am a very social person that loves working with people and working towards satisfying their needs.

Work ethic is something that I have never struggled with. I am extremely hard working which is reflected in my CV. This work ethic I believe is down to the fact that I have always been taught to work hard from a young age which has led be to find work to be extremely rewarding. I was a waitress for 3 years in a family run business and I absolutely loved it. I consider myself to be quite outgoing and I love meeting new people and finding the time to have interesting conversations with them. I consider having good social skills to be very important in the world of work, especially in the area of law where clients need to be able to trust and have a good rapport with their solicitor. I recently have noticed just how important these interpersonal skills are while I have been working at a local solicitor’s firm for the past two years doing secretarial work and general administration. I interact daily with clients, chatting to them while waiting for their appointment, always trying to create a friendly and comfortable environment for them. When I obtained an internship in A&L I found it very easy to apply the skills that I had learned in the small law firm to the bigger cases I was confronted with in A&L. From my experience law is very much all about making strong relationships both amongst colleagues and with clients and ensuring that they are maintained to ensure the success for all involved.

As such I have gathered that it is imperative to be client focussed at all times and ensuring that their needs are listened to – it could be as simple as topping up a customer’s cup of coffee or picking up the phone to ensure the client is up to date with all the developments of the case instead of the client himself picking up the phone.

I love a good challenge and I am constantly looking for new ways to challenge myself. During my third year of University I applied to do an Erasmus year which I was accepted to do and I got the opportunity to study in the University of Helsinki, Finland. It was an incredible experience and one which has exposed me to various aspects of International and EU law, subjects that I never would have had the opportunity to study in my undergraduate in UCC. Modules I studied included International Crime and Criminal Justice, International Environmental Law, EU law and Business Law in Russia, amongst many other fascinating and diverse topics. My time at the University of Helsinki proved invaluable for me. As well as being an excellent and dynamic University it exposed me to the opportunity to meet people from all over the world, from different jurisdictions and cultural experiences. The friends I made from both Common law and Civil law jurisdictions alike, taught me so much and their opinions and experiences helped shaped my views and understanding on various global and international issues.

Apart from study I am incredibly passionate about tennis and exercise, training 5 times a week. I have played tennis competitively nationally from a very young age and I continue to play on the first women's Varsity team with UCC. I really enjoy playing sport socially and competitively as I believe it is a great way to meet new people and network.

I really hope you will consider my application as I believe that I am a competent individual, full potential and ambition and would thrive in the competitive commercial environment.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application.

Jane Daly.