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Beth Onslow,
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Dear Ms. Onslow,

I am a final-year law and philosophy student at University College Dublin. I am writing to apply for a summer internship at ByrneWallace because I believe that it will help me to strengthen the skills that I will need for a career in commercial law.

I want to work with ByrneWallace for two main reasons. First, the firm has a great reputation. It is recognised by both clients and market commentators as a premier Irish law firm and is ranked 'Top Tier' by International Law Firm Guides across many specialist practice areas, from employment to life sciences. It received the Ireland Client Services Award at the Chamber Europe Awards 2017 and was a finalist in the Law Firm of the Year category. The opportunity to intern at a leading law firm and to receive guidance from top legal experts holds great appeal for me. Secondly, I admire the firm's approach to corporate social responsibility, which includes charitable giving and volunteerism, as well as other community-based initiatives, such as a work placement scheme with St. John of God.

I also believe that I am a good fit for this internship. First, I want to pursue a career in commercial law. I believe that commercial law has the potential to shape industries and make important differences in communities. The prospect of doing such impactful work is appealing. I am also excited by the evolving nature of the work, by the prospect of continuously learning new industries and facing new challenges. Secondly, I believe that my skills and experience make me a good fit. From studying law and philosophy at UCD, I have become skilled at critically analysing legal problems - an interest that has led me to create an intellectual property law blog, *The Plajurist*. I have also developed valuable collaborative skills from extracurricular activities, such as editing UCD's satirical newspaper and debating. I believe that commercial law would enable me to put my analytical and collaborative skills to good use.

I believe that my legal research and writing skills, my work experience, and my dedication to ByrneWallace's mission will enable me to be a useful member of your team of summer interns, and hope I will have the opportunity to interview with you. I have enclosed a CV highlighting my education and work experience. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Karl O'Reilly