Dear Crona McGoughlin, 7th February 2017

By way of introduction my name is Kate Dundon and I wish to gain a summer internship position with ByrneWallace. As an energetic and enthusiastic law student with additional academic qualifications and interests in both business and economics - I am driven by passion, innovation, and a commitment to professional excellence. I have a huge interest in corporate and commercial law, having enjoyed and excelled in studying modules such as company law, commercial law, corporate networks, commercial transactions and many other economics classes. Challenges excite me and I adapt well to change, having been schooled in Ireland, the UK and Australia. I am currently studying an MSc in International Law and Business at UCD. The programme offers fresh and innovative understanding of both legal and business professions, while learning is underpinned by advanced socio-legal theory. Innovative, practical, and research driven, the course provides a glimpse into the future of legal education and practice which I aim to apply in practice. Over the course of this programme I am taking modules in Managing the Negotiation Process, International Finance Law, Corporate Networks, Project Management, Commercial Transactions and EU Competition Law, which I feel will benefit me immensely in hopefully pursuing a career as a commercial lawyer.

I spent four very enjoyable and successful years studying in the University of Limerick, achieving a high 2.1 Bachelor of Laws. Throughout my time here I held various positions in clubs and societies. Amongst those were Auditor of the Law Society, Class representative, member of the Student’s Council and ladies G.A.A. representative. Extra Curricular activities were an important aspect of my undergraduate study and I enjoyed a great deal of success. Chief amongst my achievements was winning the A&L Goodbody Mooting Competition with two of my friends. Other extra curricular successes include the following: Winning an All- Ireland camogie medal, being a finalist in the UL negotiation competition and acting as Campaign manager for the current Student’s Union vice president.

One of the primary reasons I want to engage in the ByrneWallace summer internship program is the invaluable experience I would gain from its world-class corporate department and exceptional cliental. I was present at the trainee evening in September and found it extremely attractive that the trainee intake is quite small, enabling trainees to gain a better experience, which is a position I hope to be in. I am also interested in ByrneWallace’s great social awareness, supporting organisations such as SOLAS I find very important and inspiring for such a large corporate firm. Being awarded ‘Irish firm of the year’ and also being the only law firm in Ireland to have the ISO27001 gold standard for data protection makes ByrneWallace a firm comprised of world-class lawyers from which I would love to learn from.

Many thanks for reading my application and I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Kind Regards,

Kate Dundon