Dear Sir/Madam,

I am currently a Master’s student in Trinity College Dublin undertaking the LL.M. in International and European Intellectual Property Law. In June, I completed my Bachelor of Civil Law degree in Dublin City University. I am writing to you to apply for the Summer Internship at ByrneWallace.

I have a particular interest in the areas of Intellectual Property law, Technology law, and Data Protection law. This interest was developed throughout my undergraduate through my Intellectual Property module, the area of focus for my undergraduate dissertation, as well as through the number of IP and IT related seminars I have been given the opportunity to attend.

ByrneWallace has always been particularly appealing to me due to the broad spectrum of legal areas it excels in. While I have a particular interest in IP law, I have furthers interest in relation to a variety of other legal areas such as Consumer Law. Furthermore, the progressive nature of ByrneWallace in relation to technology conveys their ability to advance and adapt to the most effective methods and practices available. It would also be highly beneficial to learn from the experienced legal practitioners within the firm and witness the client focused ethos of ByrneWallace.

Through my internships in Lombard & Cullen Solicitors and with the Law Society Practice Closures, I have gained an excellent insight into the work of a solicitor. It was through these internships, alongside my undergraduate experiences, that I have been able to discern my aptitude and suitability for a career in law. Furthermore, it confirmed that becoming a solicitor is the career path I wish to take.

I have been a member of a number of societies, such as the Law society, FLAC and ELSA, throughout my undergraduate and masters. I believe I have gained a number of skills through my involvement with the DCU FLAC society. I was an active member for two years and during my third year I was elected as Clinics Manager. This allowed me to develop my leadership and organisational skills as I was responsible for everything pertaining to the organisation and running of our monthly free legal advice clinics. Additionally, I was given the opportunity to advance my networking and communication skills through contacting practising barristers and other legal professionals. In late 2015, I was also selected as part of an ELSA Legal Research Group relating to Freedom of Expression and Media Law. The research is currently underway and it is providing me with the opportunity to exercise my research and writing skills.

I have had a variety of part time jobs which have allowed me to develop a number of professional skills. I believe these skills are particularly valuable in relation to this position as an intern. I have been able to develop my communication abilities as well as my work ethic through my time as a waitress and as a cleaner. The opportunity to work as a receptionist and data entry clerk enabled me to become comfortable in a professional office environment. Furthermore, my position as a temporary lab technician provided me with the chance to exercise my initiative and adapt quickly to a very unfamiliar and complex situation. I believe these experiences provide me with an excellent starting point should my candidacy be considered for the position of Summer Intern.

I believe my previous experience, academic capabilities and interest and commitment to a career in law aid my suitability for the position of Summer Intern at ByrneWallace. This opportunity would be immeasurably beneficial for myself and my legal career and I would be grateful for your consideration.

Thank you for reading and I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours Sincerely,

Kelly O’Brien