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Sion Road,
Kilkenny

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Re: Application for the Summer Internship Programme 2019

Ms. Beth Onslow
HR Generalist
ByrneWallace
88 Harcourt Street
Dublin 2

Dear Ms. Onslow,

My name is Kevin Barrett and I am writing to you to apply for the Summer Internship Programme offered by ByrneWallace. I was first made aware of the programme through my work last semester as a Career Ambassador with the UCD Career Development Centre. I am in my third year of the Business and Law degree programme in UCD.

I am pursuing corporate law as a means of applying what I have learned and excelled at in college to my career. As a Business and Law student I have taken modules that have convinced me that working with a reputable and prestigious firm such as ByrneWallace is the best path to take after completing a law degree. I feel I would enjoy the collaboration and problem solving that is required to excel as a corporate lawyer. I believe I have the necessary enthusiasm and skillset for a career in law, and I understand too the hard work and effort needed to satisfy the wishes of a firm's clients.

I would like to consider myself as a creative person, and as shown in my experience as an award-winning graphic designer and a successful competitive debater I consider myself to have an eye for different approaches. Being creative can be useful as a way of problem solving and critical thinking, which are necessary skills in law. In all roles, whether they be in an academic or work environment, I try to take my creative experience and use it as a way of innovating and distinguishing in projects or in a group exercise. Even as a self-employed graphic designer, I have had to show a high level of initiative in order to understand and satisfy the needs and wishes of the clients I have worked with. I believe my creative approach to tasks makes them more enjoyable, and oftentimes it can incorporate further skill learning and development.

As the serving Public Relations Officer for the UCD Law Society and a UCD Career Ambassador, I am aware of how ByrneWallace is widely recognised for its excellent

internship programme. The firm has a strong reputation with regards to taking penultimate year students and bringing them on towards a highly regarded traineeship with the firm. ByrneWallace excels in a number of practice areas, and this is shown by the numerous awards the firm has won for its work with clients. Needless to say, these distinctions makes it attractive place to work for an aspiring corporate lawyer.

I have taken multiple opportunities to gain experience working and studying in Europe. After my first year in college I worked on a campsite in the south of France with two other Europeans. This experience instilled in me the importance of teamwork and developed my ability to perform in high pressure and time limited situations. Currently, I am studying on the Erasmus exchange programme in Bocconi University, Milan. While I spend this semester in Italy I am aiming to further develop and appreciate the different approaches to law during my time in an increasingly globalised world. As ByrneWallace has offices in New York, it is clear to me that the firm shows the same appreciation for an international perspective.

I hope you will find the skills and experience I have outlined above to be compelling evidence that I can work effectively and drive benefit from the ByrneWallace internship programme.

Thank you for considering my application. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kevin Barrett', written in black ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kevin Barrett