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Dear Sir/Madam

My name is Leah McDaid. I am a second year Law with Politics student in UCD. I am interested in a summer internship at Byrne Wallace.

I am a highly motivated and enthusiastic person. I am extremely hard working and a very fast learner. I work well with others, so therefore could be a valuable member of your team.

I am a second year Law with Politics at UCD. During my time at UCD, I have worked extremely hard and have received excellent grades. During my first year, I earned a 3.7 Grade Point Average, which is equivalent to a first-class honour. I was ranked 7th in a class of 24 people. My degree has taught me many skills that I believe would be relevant to Arthur Cox, for example critical thinking, research, analytical and verbal communication skills. It has also improved my personal motivation, time management and organisation skills.

At the end of my first year, I was chosen as a Student Ambassador in UCD. The role of student ambassador involves giving campus tours to prospective students, as well representing UCD at open days/evenings and external events such as "Higher Options". Working as a student ambassador has had many benefits for me. For example, from giving tours I have improved my verbal communication and public speaking skills. I have also improved my teamwork and organisational skills.

I am interested in an internship at Byrne Wallace as I have always been interested in a career in law. During Transition Year, I completed a Transition Year work experience programme at a corporate law firm. This gave me a taste of working in corporate law and I have been eager to experience this further. I am currently in my second year of studying law with politics at UCD and I believe I made the correct decision when choosing what to study. I am finding the degree challenging but rewarding and have received excellent grades. Therefore, I believe I would find a career in law rewarding also and believe that a summer internship at Byrne Wallace would be a great way to test this theory further. I believe that Byrne Wallace would be the best place for me to take part in a summer internship due to the calibre of the firm and its people. For example, at the “ACQ5 Law Awards 2018 – Ireland”, the firm won “Overall Law Firm of the Year” as well as a number of other awards.

During my free time, I enjoy reading. I was one of the main members of my secondary school's book club and I have continued reading during my time in college. Reading has improved both my communication and critical thinking skills.

I am also a member of my local gym. I try to go approximately three times a week. Going to the gym has improved my commitment and personal motivational skills.

I also have excellent IT skills. During transition year, I earned an ECDL qualification.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely

Leah McDaid