**Cover Letter—Summer Internship Application by Livia Ciornii**

Dear Whom, It May Concern,

Please find enclosed my cover letter in regard to the Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Program. My name is Livia Ciornii and I am a third year Law with Economics student in UCD.

Some details about me; I am a highly motivated individual who prides herself on achieving high academics through well-rounded research and giving back to my community. As a prefect in Loreto secondary school in County Meath, I organised a team of 15 girls with the main purpose of fundraising event to raise money for Navan’s Women’s Refuge where had managed to raise over €500. While working at my part-time job, I have found myself having to deal with difficult clients while maintaining calm and composed, this will translate well in an area of work where a day-to-day requirement would be in meeting and discussing with clients. I pride myself on efficient communication skills, a skill which is arguably the most important in any job or situation. During my part-time work, a great emphasis was placed on constant communication to ensure a steady and accurate stream of information to ensure perfect knowledge, this is expertise I aim to carry with me throughout the entirety of my career.

I sought a career in law as a way to be at the forefront of developments, both in the legal sector and in the world. In achieving this aim, I have established myself as a leader and team player among my peers. In 2019 I was democratically elected by my peers to represent them at a Student Union level as the official Law with Economics stream representative. This role entailed organising events, coordinating with stream representatives of other Law disciplines and updating and keeping up to date with the Union’s goals and advocation, this included being present at the Irish climate strike on behalf of the UCDSU. In 2018, I was also chosen to be a peer mentor to the incoming first-year Law with Economic students. My role was, in coordination with the other peer mentors, to advocate problems experienced by the incoming students to the faculty in hopes of achieving a friendly and open space. Teamwork was prevalent here as the peer mentors acted as a united front to ease anxieties and substitute concern with action. This role placed a lot of pressure on mentors, as we had to maintain our studies while simultaneously being present for the students. I found myself adapting to solve problems and encouraging solutions.

In regard to my pursuit of a law career, the grand scale of a career in a commercial firm appeals to me, especially in the situation where commercial work is bigger than any one individual but to the benefit of the economy as a whole. Throughout my law and economics modules, especially in regard to the running of an effective economy, the immense scale of legal transactions was made apparent with the safeguarding of regulation standards at the forefront of a successful economy. Furthermore, the banking, property and investment sector is laid in economic prowess, engaged and maintained by statutory standards by which a commercial law firm plays a vital role in. The very basic foundation of an economy is founded on contract law, specialised by legal firms on an everyday basis. Without the running of formal contracts, the economy would face stagnant growth, outlining the very necessity of legal life. Commercial law is commerce, it is development and it is growth. Law is everything that makes Ireland and the world prosperous, all this has me excited to be a part of the ever-growing sector to take part in global flourish. I pursued a career in law on the very basis that the law is a part of everyday life, contracts at every corner and with it an opportunity of specialisation.