**Cover letter for Lochlainn Garvey**

Dear Sir/ Madame,

My name is Lochlainn Garvey, and I am currently reading for my third year as an L.L.B student at Maynooth University.

Whilst I am open to learning and practicing various areas of the law, I am applying for this program as I have a particular interest in pursuing a career as an international commercial lawyer. This line of work appeals to me for an array of reasons; the opportunity to establish myself as a successful international lawyer in a competitive field, the idea of undertaking impactful deals regarding markedly influential corporate acquisitions and dispute resolutions, and indeed due to the diverse range of markets. Locations, and clients that it adheres to.

I firmly believe that a diverse workload is essential for a meaningful and fulfilling professional life, a matter that I place particular emphasis upon. With this in mind, I believe that I would make exceptional use of this program as it would allow me to work with and -in turn- learn from top professionals a fast paced international corporate market.

This internship would allow me to develop core skills inherent in any top practitioner in a top law firm, and particularly, in lawyers that a firm of this stature would be keen to develop. Critically, I believe obtaining such an opportunity would allow me to gain the valuable practical legal experience necessary to secure a trainee contract with a top international firm, ideally at the firm with which I began my professional education. As a committed Law student, I would truly relish and take full advantage of all that the program provides for law students, in experience and in the opportunity to learn from the day to day work of nationally *and* internationally acclaimed lawyers.

I have refined and enhanced my own relevant skill set with an array of extracurricular activities.

Through the University’s FLAC initiative, I have acquired a proficiency in assessing legal predicaments and suggesting according remedies. I was a member of the CUS senior debating panel while in secondary school, reaching the finals of the Denny’s Schools debating contest. Coupled with my representation for the University in the National Moot Competition and the ELSA International Negotiation Competition and in the Irish National Negotiation and Alternative Dispute resolution competition, such activities have impressed upon me the skills requisite for a successful lawyer in a top firm, i.e. Clarity, proficiency in negotiation, communication skills, and strong team oriented ethics. As such, I would consider these attributes my core strengths.

As such, the approach I take to my legal education is inherently the same as my approach to other aspects of my life. With sports, and indeed my studies and relevant extra curriculars (I compete to a high level with the University’s Rugby and Aussie Rule’s team while I represent my golf club, Royal Dublin, at inter club level) I have always been *extremely* competitive. I have always felt broadening the spectrum upon which I can test myself has helped to vest in me tenacity, and a determination to drive and succeed. A good example of this would be the minor victory we scored with the student union in securing varsity level funding for our new Aussie Rules club after a successful marketing-type approach, which we implemented in order to win over the requisite numbers for a big enough bursary.

Music too has had a big influence in my approach to tasks and learning. Not being able to read music did not prevent me teaching myself to play the piano, drums, and to sing. Playing by ear, I feel, is another reflection of my ability to adapt and learn quickly in adverse circumstances.

I truly feel seeing more of the world gives you an advantage over those who neglect to explore it. After spending any spare time I had to travel in Europe, I decided that I should go to America on my own for four months. Throughout the trip, I would caddy (I was able to set up jobs due to my background as a caddy in Dublin at Portmarnock and Royal Dublin), bar tend, or coach rugby. All in all, I navigated my way through 17 cities, starting in New England, heading west to California, and journeying up through the Mid-West to end the trip in Chicago. Being a reasonably talkative and friendly person in any circumstances, trekking through the states on my own certainly vested in me a more keen sense of versatility, and indeed an ability to adapt to diverse and difficult (there was definitely one or two bumps in the road along the way) situations.

As such, I feel that through my experience with travel, diversity, and indeed administrative responsibilities, has added further valuable characteristics desirable to any who wish to develop as a top seated Commerical Lawyer.

My intention to commit is of note. I understand an internship is the perfect platform to launch a career in a major firm, and practicing one of the many facets of corporate law in a large international firm is what I see for my future.

At that, I feel my ambition and interest in furthering myself as a pupil of law make me an excellent candidate for the summer internship program. My fast paced nature along with my ability to commit and follow through with all aspects of the various facets of my life endorse the fact that I have honed the requisite skills necessary for a successful candidate.

Please find attached an up to date copy of my CV.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application, I look forward to further correspondence

Yours Faithfully,

Lochlainn Garvey