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**Re: Application for summer intern programme**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write to you in order to apply for the Summer Intern Programme within your firm’s structure.

Above all, I am applying for this position at BryneWallace to gain valuable legal experience in a leading commercial law firm and also to have an insight into the daily working routine of a solicitor. Currently I am taking an evening course in City Colleges Dublin, in preparation of the March 2017 FE-1 examinations. I will be sitting four areas of the law in total - Property, Equity & Trusts, Contract, and Criminal. In October 2017 I will sit the remaining four exams.

Having made the decision to pursue a career as a solicitor, I believe that training in an Irish law firm such as ByrneWallace is an ideal starting point. I graduated from my Human Rights Masters in 2012 and since that date I have worked in a number of different positions, in both the human rights and corporate sector. This level of practical experience has helped me to realise not only what I want from a role, but also what motivates me in the work environment. I want a career that is challenging, with potential for growth and development. I am a person with strong values so I also want my work to be meaningful and fulfilling. This is why I am certain that obtaining a professional qualification as a lawyer is the right path for me.

I also possess the abilities to succeed in the legal field. I have excellent, and proven, analytical and research skills, as demonstrated by past achievements such as the successful completion of two theses and the presentation of a comparative analysis report during an internship at the Department of Children and Youth Affairs’ Child Protection and Public Policy Unit. My European Masters in Human Rights and Democratisation, a multi-disciplinary programme, provided me with a solid base in international law, and also included modules on Business and Human Rights and Corporate Social Responsibility, while my time working in International Organisations like the Council of Europe and the EU Delegation to the UN in Geneva was an excellent opportunity to enhance communication and interpersonal skills as well as build a global network of contacts.

In my experience to date I have had many achievements and taken on a variety of challenges, including co-organising two international conferences at the Council of Europe in 2013 and, more recently, in April 2016, completing my training as a volunteer support group facilitator for the mental health organisation Aware Ltd. I have learned that a challenging work environment is a big motivating factor for me, as well as the level of emphasis placed on training and development. At ByrneWallace not only will interns get to work within a core practice area and experience firsthand the work of a trainee solicitor, they will gain exposure to interesting and challenging legal and business issues as well as take part in a structured learning programme. Coming from a non-law background, an important factor for me is the support and guidance that interns will receive in the accomplishment of tasks and duties.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and consideration of the above. I hope that you will be persuaded by my motivations to apply for this role. I am certain that it would provide me with valuable work experience and a real sense of what it is like to work as a solicitor in a law firm such as ByrneWallace.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0879248509 or via email at lorna.muddiman@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lorna Muddiman