**Mariana Verdes**

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Ms. Beth Onslow

Byrne Wallace

88 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2

Dear Ms Onslow,

Please accept this letter and the attached CV as an indication of my interest in the Byrne Wallace Trainee Solicitor Programme. At present I am completing the Masters in Common Law at UCD. I intend to sit my Fe1 exams in October 2017. I also hold a BA (Hons) in Economics & Politics from UCD. I believe these subjects combined with my work experience to date have given me a strong foundation to a future career in a corporate law firm.

I gained valuable experience shadowing Com O’Hoisin SC over the summer. I got to see the law operating in practice and witnessed a number of interesting cases. I was exposed to commercial arbitration an area of law I quickly became interested in. I have since attended a number of arbitration workshops such as “Recent Developments in Investor State Dispute Settlement”. I am currently working with a team to compete in the Vis International Arbitration Moot in Vienna this spring.

My communication, teamwork and time management skills have been well developed in my work experience to date. I have learned to manage my time effectively by balancing work, society commitments and my studies.

My negotiating and ability to convince others are shown through my achievement to convince Judit Polgar to come to UCD. Judit is the best female chess player in the world and initially was asking for 10,000-euro appearance fee. I managed to convince her to come without a fee and we are currently busy organising the event.

I am competitive by nature and love to be challenged. I play tennis competitively by representing my club in DLTC league tournaments. Furthermore, I represent UCD in Leinster Chess league matches.

I believe a career in a corporate legal firm would suit me ideally as I am very ambitious and enthusiastic individual. I am willing to learn and would thrive in a fast paced environment.

I would welcome the opportunity to expand on my application.

Yours Sincerely,

Mariana Verdes