**Miah Phelan Sweeney,**

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26th January 2019,

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this letter to apply for the position of summer intern in 2019. I am currently in my third year in University College Cork studying a Bachelor in Civil Law (Clinical). I am a diligent, hardworking individual who prides herself on attention to detail, leadership skills and a strong work ethic.

I have chosen to apply to the Byrne Wallace Summer internship programme because I want to gain experience of working in a corporate firm and I believe that Byrne Wallace is the right fit for my personality. Before I completed my previous internship in FLAC I didn’t think that I was interested in practicing law, but I learned through the course of that internship that I actually love being involved in law, especially in litigation, as I love the challenges that it brings.

On the academic front, I am a high achiever, obtaining maximum points in the Leaving Certificate Examination which lead onto a Quercus Entrance Scholarship to UCC in 2016. Following my passage into University I obtained a 1H1 in my first year overall and received the title of College Scholar for the school of Business and Law.

Outside of academia, my passions are music and sport. I am the recipient of a full UCC Creative and Performing Arts scholarship for song-writing and classical piano. My main interests lie in song-writing and in social inclusion through music. I have been the recipient of two High Achiever’s Awards from the Royal Irish Academy of Music, having completed my Senior Certificate in Classical Piano and a performance diploma in Musical Theatre. I currently work on a flexible basis as a music tutor with Music Generation. I also am a diligent sportswoman and have represented Ireland at underage level in hockey and Kildare at underage level in GAA. Currently I am a member of Muckross Hockey Club First XI competing in the national EY Hockey League. These experiences have taught me valuable lessons in both leadership and teamwork.

I am interested in Byrne Wallace’s work on GDPR in particular. During my time in FLAC I worked on the *DPC v Facebook* case as FLAC was representing an *amicus curaie* in the case, and I found the topic of privacy law and IT law to be a fascinating one. I think that Byrne Wallace is a frontrunner in this area and I would love to learn more by completing an internship with the firm. Furthermore, I now have aspirations to sit my FE1s after college and would be interested to see if Byrne Wallace would be a good fit for me.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and welcome the opportunity to discuss my application further.

Yours Sincerely,

Miah Phelan Sweeney.