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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a third year student at University College Dublin studying Law with Social Justice (BCL), to express my interest in partaking in the summer internship programme 2016.

I am a hard working intelligent student who is solution orientated by nature. I have had experience in a broad range of professional environments and would welcome the opportunity to gain experience internship experience at ByrneWallace, particularly given the firms connections international connections and diversity of expertise. I am extremely impressed with the high calibre of clients the firm deals with and the standard of work carried out by the firm, which has a clear interest in innovation and appreciation of technology. I was particularly impressed with the wide range of practice areas within the firm. The fundamental values of the firm are attributes I consider imperative and strive to uphold in my own personal, academic and sporting life.

In 2017 I expect to graduate with a 2:1 BCL degree, uniquely, I will graduate as a member of the first BCL with Social Justice Class, through which I have acquired a unique and advantageous skill set. I have developed critical analytical skills through exposure to modules outside of the typical BCL program which allow me to interact with various perspectives. These skills will aid my integration into a fast passed and demanding work environment. Possessing such a unique skill set, has granted me a new level of enthusiasm toward many typical or classic legal problems and cases. I have witnessed this first hand from my experience working at Paul O’Sullivan and Co solicitors, a small general practice law firm. The past few months working at the firm has been an invaluable experience during my education that has reinstated my passion to strive for a career in a large firm which will undoubtable demand a higher standard from me but which will also satisfy my own intrinsic motivations. In recent years I have developed a passion for law and the access it can grant one to a social realm which is restricted to those with the knowledge to utilise it.

Following my most recent set of examinations at UCD I have maintained my 2:1 honours grade, while combining my studies with part time work at Paul O’Sullivan & Co solicitors, sport as the first choice goalkeeper playing in the all-Ireland premiere hockey league with UCD and volunteering as Secretary for UCD Ladies Hockey Club. One of my most memorable achievements to date, is being selected as captain of the Connacht Hockey team in my youth. The position allowed me to utilise my natural leadership skills and taught me a lot about team orientated interrelations, much of which stemmed from my involvement in the Irish underage Hockey teams. These skills stand to me as a prospective intern because of the importance that is undoubtable placed on employee interactions, relations and cooperation. I believe I have the intellectual and interpersonal skills to succeed and make a worthwhile contribution as an intern at your firm. My work ethic and ability to learn quickly will prove invaluable in a competitive and dynamic work place.

ByrneWallace is a nationally and internationally renounced firm which demands excellence. I would relish in the opportunity to undertake an internship at the firm and the opportunity to experience working at one of Ireland’s top law firms, which I believe would greatly assist me with my ambition to achieve a successful career in law.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to hearing from you again.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Cooke.