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To whom it may concern;

I would like to express my keen interest in the internship at your law firm. As a law graduate and master student in the final stage of its degree in *International and European Business Law* at Trinity College Dublin, I am eager to apply my academic knowledge to practice in the intellectual property rights and competition law particularly patents. I strongly believe that internship at your office would be a perfect next step in my career.

First, I would like to tell you about my education. I completed high school education at Ankara Police College after which I started to study International Security Science at the Turkish National Police Academy. I studied there two and a half years which were very productive for me as I took a wide range of courses from International Law and International Organizations to Criminal Law to Criminology. However, my education in Police Academy was "ended" tragically by the government thanks to the Domestic Security Law which was enacted in April 2015. However sad and tragic it was, I never backed down and never stopped doing my best. I took University Entrance Exam again and I was able to start my education at Ankara University Faculty of Law in September 2015 by achieving to be in first 4000 students between more than 1 million opponents in the entrance exam. In my first year at university, I took classes from first and second grade and thanks to the hard-working I was able to graduate Ankara University in three years with a 3.33 GPA even though the original duration of the program is four years.

After my graduation from Ankara University Faculty of Law, I completed my one year compulsory internship period for qualifying as a lawyer in Turkey. During my internship, I had the chance to experience various branches of Turkish and International Law both substantive law and procedural means. During my internship, I took active part in preparation and overview of contracts from wide-ranging areas, wrote consultancy opinions to companies, translated contracts and other documents between Turkish and English, managed the social media accounts of the firm, started proceedings at courthouse and enforcement authorities, participated the preparation of a training for the managing directors of companies regarding their obligations. As a result, I was able to decide what I want to do in my career. Thanks to the Jean Monnet Scholarship Program, I started my post-graduate education at Trinity College Dublin.

As an advantage side of Trinity College Dublin, my curriculum consists of elective courses and I was allowed to choose any lecture which would be helpful in my dissertation. In my dissertation, I will mainly focus on the interrelation between SEPs and abuse of dominant position by focusing the FRAND term in licensing agreements. Since my dissertation has two sides I took lectures both in the patent law and competition law. I learned the patentability process and patent rights in different jurisdictions and my final assignment, I made a comparison between the US and Europe approach to patent remedies.

I choose intellectual property rights and competition law as my expertise because I believe both areas are instrumental for the development of the states and their people. While IP rights promote technological and cultural improvement and protect the rights of its owners; competition law protects others against abusive practices of IP rights owners and everyone is able to benefit from development in question. I am planning to continue my life as a qualified solicitor in Ireland therefore, I wish to experience the working environment and insights conditions practicing. I am confident about my written and verbal communication and organization skills, I can work

independently or part of a team to effectively multi-task to ensure that each work is completed in a timely manner so I strongly believe that I am the right candidate for internship position.

Taken together, my experiences have taught me to tackle a wide range of topics from multiple perspectives, both individually and as part of a team. Given my interest in intellectual property rights and my commitment to acquiring new skills, I believe I am prepared for an internship at your law firm, where I hope to learn how my theoretical knowledge is applied in practice. I would like to thank you in advance for your time and consideration and hope to discuss my application in person with you.

Respectfully,

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