Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find below my cover letter in application for the role of **JOB TITLE** at **COMPANY NAME.**

The nature of my undergraduate course and the level of competency with which I demonstrated through my grades and extra-curricular endeavours, makes me perfectly suited to this role. I achieved a First Class Honours **(1.1)** degree in my course, the Bachelor of Civil Law, at Dublin City University (DCU), finishing in May 2016. My course required a huge amount of independent research and analytical thinking, two skills which I feel I have always possessed, but have honed even more so since completing my studies at DCU. Throughout my time in college, I excelled in the art of mooting, and have gained a love for presentation, as well as the skill of advocacy and public speaking. During college, I competed in the DCU Novice Moot Court Competition, and reached the semi-finals of that competition, I achieved a grade of 73% in our Moot Court module, and competed at the National Moot Court Competition at the Criminal Courts of Justice in my final year. The issues we researched and argued on in all of the Moot Court competitions have instilled in me a passion for advocacy, as well as the criminal law and human rights. These issues included cases on citizens’ rights, like access to justice, and the right to a fair trial, and the right to privacy, as well as civil issues like defamation and medical negligence, as well as larger more human rights-based notions like the right to die.

In my final year, I wrote a 10,000-word dissertation on the laws surrounding and governing assistive reproductive technologies, both domestically and internationally, and looking in particular at the dystopian notion of “designer babies” and whether or not this is just the raving lunacies of sci-fi filmmakers or whether indeed, it could become a reality, and if so, how and where the law needs to regulate and intervene in the area. I have garnered a keen interest in the laws surrounding technology, science, and privacy following this pursuit.

I am a conscientious person who works hard and pays attention to detail. I have excellent references as I always worked part-time alongside my studies whilst I was in college, which I think only further proves my determination and work ethic. I worked part-time in a Topaz Service Station, while I was in college, from January 2014 until May 2016. Before this, I worked in Shannons Solicitors, Dunnes Stores, Next, and OpeningMinds.ie. Having only finished college in May 2016, I spent the summer completing an internship in the Intellectual Property, Technology and Data Protection department at Eversheds Sutherland. Working in this environment, alongside experts in the field of privacy and technology law, gave me a great insight into this area of the law, and allowed me to learn inside-out the inner workings of a large international corporate law firm. I gained valuable experience in the areas of intellectual property and data protection, and now have a solid grasp on the laws concerning these areas in Ireland and the European Union. I also followed and drafted briefs and memos on the current high-profile and far-reaching privacy case, the *Data Protection Commissioner v Facebook*.

Following on from this, in October of 2016, I began working as a legal intern in the litigation department of Baily Homan Smyth McVeigh. Here, I have gained brilliant exposure to an extremely busy litigation team. I have assisted in preparing affidavits and briefs for court, I have attended court to file and issue documents, and enter appearances, and I have also conducted various ad hoc tasks around the office, from file closures to drafting of letters, and placing phone calls, and many other tasks besides.

As well as the above, I am currently preparing to sit my first set of FE-1 examinations in March of 2017 (Contract, Criminal, Property.)

I am extremely keen to continue expanding on these experiences at this early stage of my career and continue to challenge myself and enable myself to grow.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this application and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Kind regards,

Niall Moore