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Dear Sir / Madam,
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Summer Internship Programme 2017

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am a final-year BCL student at Dublin City University and am writing to apply for the Summer Internship programme 2017. I learned about the programme through the careers services at DCU. Interning at ByrneWallace would allow me to further develop my interest in corporate law, and I feel confident that I could contribute substantively to the work of your firm while strengthening the skills I'll need for a career in corporate law.

I have decided to pursue a career as a solicitor and am specifically interested in working at ByrneWallace because I believe I have the right credentials for the vocation. Evidence of this includes; my dedication: I have excelled in the corporate law modules of my degree. I also have an interest in the corporate sector and have sought employment with corporations such as Scania Ireland and Dunnes Stores, where I have gained valuable business acumen.

I believe the dynamic professional environment of a commercial law firm would suit my personality as I continually strive for excellence in all I do. This dedication to excellence is evidenced by my commitment to Irish Dancing, I was determined that through practice I would reach my potential, my perseverance paid off and I was awarded 2nd in the All Ireland Championships. From my time Irish Dancing I gained an understanding into the importance of dedication, perseverance and co-operation with others in order to achieve a goal. I believe these skills are transferable and will aid me in my aspiration of becoming a successful commercial lawyer.

I am independent and will be comfortable working on my own, that being said I believe in succeeding through teamwork and will not hesitate to ask for support when needed. I volunteer once a week at an after schools homework club for migrant children. My team and I are dedicated to ensuring the children's English improves each week, we share ideas in order to aid the children's progress. This dedication to working as a team in order to achieve desired results will be an invaluable asset when working in a corporate firm.

I am ambitious and will strive to maintain ByrneWallace's excellent client service by endeavouring to grow a professional and trusting rapport with them. My motivation to constantly keep up to date with commercial trends and willingness to adapt to change makes me well suited to the role of a commercial solicitor.

I believe an internship at ByrneWallace is a vital asset to me in aiding my future career goals. ByrneWallace is dedicated to excellence, the primary focus of the firm is supporting, protecting and promoting client's interests. This client oriented ethos is for me paramount in my choosing to seek an internship with ByrneWallace, during my time working for Scania Ireland and my time working within the hospitality sector my main focus has also been to deliver the best service to clients. I believe that to be the best one must learn from the best, the opportunity to work alongside lawyers who, due to their exceptional achievements in law received the Law Firm of the Year 2016 award, surpasses anything another law firm could offer me.

The vast practice areas offered at ByrneWallace sets it apart from other firms. The opportunity to be exposed to various law sectors would be an invaluable learning experience. From my knowledge of ByrneWallace I am especially interested in the firm's Public Sector services. During my time working for Dunnes Stores and Scania Ireland I became interested in employment law, I have a huge interest in employee's rights and employment discrimination litigation, so much so that I completed the employment law module this year. As ByrneWallace is ranked as a Tier 1 firm in the Public Sector chapter of Legal 500, I feel that my interest in this area would flourish if I was given the chance be part of the internship programme. The opportunity to work for a firm which advises a broad range of clients in employment issues is for me an exciting prospect.

I have enclosed my CV highlighting my education and work experience. I hope to have the opportunity to interview with you about the Summer Internship Programme. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Patricia O'Connor