To whom it may concern 24/02/2020

**Re: Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Programme 2020 Application**

As a fourth year Law with History student at University College Dublin, I would like to apply for a place on the Byrne Wallace Summer Internship programme. Byrne Wallace is one of Ireland’s leading commercial law firms and I would love the opportunity to experience what it is like to work at such a large firm. The internship programme will no doubt offer me this experience. I have enclosed the required application form, a CV detailing my relevant work experience and extra-curricular activities and a photograph as requested. I would like to use this covering letter to demonstrate why I feel a career in commercial law is most suited to me and most importantly, why I feel Byrne Wallace is the best place for me to carry out this work.

I have a keen interest in commercial affairs and have a desire to learn more about them at any available opportunity. I am interested in seeing how Ireland evolves in the world of globalisation and how Ireland’s role within the European Union develops over the coming years. I am a highly driven and organised person who thrives off providing high quality work in all areas of my life. I would love the opportunity to use my skills to help achieve the goals of Byrne Wallace. The opportunity to be mentored by workers within Byrne Wallace would also prove invaluable to me in my career. My varied work experience in both the legal and non-legal sector as outlined in my CV highlights that I have a strong work ethic, having worked from the age of 15. This hard work ethic is again evident in the fact that I was one of two students in my school to achieve over 500 points in the Leaving Certificate. I strive to achieve, and I believe that I would be a great asset to Byrne Wallace.

Through my combined study of Law & History, I believe I have developed an approach to problem-solving which is conscientious of the needs of clients. I have studied the civil law while on ERASMUS in Vienna, Austria year and I believe this enables me to look at problems through a comparative approach. I have also learnt to be an excellent and thorough researcher through my study of history. I have learnt to be critical and objective when researching. This quality, I believe is a great value to any legal service provider as I have the ability to look behind the façade and delve into the issue at hand and then solve it. These skills I believe would be a great asset to Byrne Wallace as I come at the issue from a different perspective and have respect for the fine details and margins. This will ensure that I have a genuine understanding of the clients’ issues. I believe that my degree has prepared me for a career in corporate law, and this combined with a strong work ethic and dedication sets me apart as an invaluable worker.

I feel my time at university has prepared me for a fast paced and challenging work and I am ready to apply what I have learnt in a more practical sense. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to apply and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Rachel Minogue