**Cover letter**

Please find enclosed my CV in application to take part in your summer internship programme. My name is Siofra Heffernan and I am due to graduate with a BCL from DCU this year. My dissertation supervisor informed me of your summer internship opportunity and encouraged me to apply because of my interest in the areas of EU, Healthcare law and Family law. With the reputation ByrneWallace has as one of Ireland’s leading firms with regards to healthcare law I believe this internship would be invaluable to me as it is an area I would love to work within in the future. While in DCU I was lucky enough to take Healthcare law as a module, which I found exciting and innovative. Working in areas justice and the freedom of others is something I have always sought for myself and is the reason I chose to do a law degree. As you can see from my CV, I have considerable experience in volunteer work which ultimately which led me to be chosen to be go on a Leargas Initiative Programme which dealt issues of youth justice specifically in youth mental health and youth incarceration. Moreover, though my membership of the National Youth Council of Ireland, every year I attended One World Week where young people are challenged to learn about local and global justice issues and take action to bring about change. These initiatives involved a great deal of independent research, requiring initiative and self-motivation.

I am a conscientious person who works hard and wants to bring about a positive change in the world. Throughout my law degree I have continued to work up to 40 hours a week and still come within the top 5 in my class. I'm flexible, quick to pick up new skills and eager to learn from others. I have a lot of enthusiasm and strive under pressure and I'm keen to work for a firm with such renowned reputation. I am able to take on the responsibility of this position, and have the enthusiasm and determination to ensure that I make a success of it.

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

Yours sincerely

Siofra Heffernan