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Beth Onslow,

HR Administrator,

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Dear Ms. Onslow,

My name is Suzanne Connell and I’m a penultimate year student at University College Dublin. I am in the BCL International programme and I am currently on exchange at King Hall School of Law, University of California, Davis.

I would love to be afforded the opportunity to participate in Byrne Wallace’s Summer Internship Programme, as I believe it would be a fantastic opportunity for me to build upon the legal knowledge and experience I have so far accumulated, in a way that would positively shape the direction of my career. While on my exchange at King Hall School of Law I have developed a keen interest in Alternative Dispute Resolution as an area of law I could potentially see myself practicing in. In particular, I was drawn to International Arbitration and Investment Law and I feel I may have an aptitude for it based on the grades I attained in my study of the topic. I also took classes in Negotiations and a general class in Alternative Dispute Resolution, so I have a well-rounded view of what is entailed in the litigation and dispute resolution processes. I was attracted to Byrne Wallace as opposed to other firms due to the vast expertise it has in litigation and dispute resolution and I found it impressive that it has been accredited with awards such as Litigation Case of the Year 2014. I feel Byrne Wallace, as a potential employer, would have the ability to nurture the interest I have in expanding my knowledge in this particular practice area. Exposure to high profile and high stakes disputes would provide invaluable experience that cannot possibly be taught in a classroom.

I have chosen to pursue a career in corporate law firstly based on my enjoyment of studying company law in my second year of college. I was at ease with the material and I picked up key concepts quickly, so I regarded this as a basic indicator that I might suit a career in corporate law. Building on this, I was proactive in finding out whether the reality of working in a corporate law firm would appeal to me. I did this by going on UCD's Corporate and Commercial Law Study Visit to London last March as one of twenty students chosen out of my year. We visited numerous Magic Circle and Silver Circle firms, and although they all varied in their practice areas and cultures, the strong community atmosphere that prevailed in each appealed to me and made me envisage myself working in a corporate law firm.

In terms of my skill set and why I would be suited to a career in corporate law, I've always been a very organised person, which I think is an essential attribute to have for any career. I'm efficient, very hard working and also effective at assimilating large volumes of information. I'm capable of consistency in meeting deadlines while still producing a high quality of work. I'm an easygoing person with good communication skills, which I feel have been vastly improved through exposure to clients in a legal setting during my last two summers of work experience. I enjoy working as part of a team and I feel it is one of the most essential skills to possess for a career in corporate law. I’m extremely focused in attaining any goals that I set out for myself and I also strive to improve my skill set and my performance levels in every possible way. I have a deep seated desire to continue to learn, experience new things and really become an expert in the field that I eventually choose to practice in.

I believe I could be an asset to Byrne Wallace, and so I hope you will consider me for a place in the 2018 Summer Internship Programme.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Connell