**Re: Application for internship**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my interest in a potential internship with Byrne Wallace. As you will see from my cv, attached, I am a 3rd Year law student in Trinity College Dublin, and it is my intention to pursue a career in commercial law with a leading firm.

Throughout my studies I have been consistently interested in how the law interacts with the commercial world. This, along with my brief but fascinating time at Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago last summer, is what has led me to apply to a commercial firm such as Byrne Wallace.

My study of the law thus far, along with my keen interest in business and economics for the Leaving Certificate, has given me a good understanding, and crucially, a real interest in the emerging issues in areas such as banking and finance, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property and corporate governance.

Byrne Wallace stands out to me because of the emphasis it places on innovation, team work and training excellence. I have great appreciation for a wide variety of legal topics and the diversity of the departments within the firm is highly appealing to me. My interest also extends far beyond the purely commercial aspect of the law, displayed by the fact that an article of mine on *Football Hooliganism* is due to be published in the upcoming Trinity College Law Review.

The contrast in the type of legal experience that I have gathered has provided me with an understanding of the varying ways the law can be practiced. McInerney Solicitors is a General Legal Practice offering advice in all areas of law and has just three solicitors. My practical experience ranged from personal injuries and criminal law to family law and probate. Sidley Austin LLP is an international corporate law firm and in their Chicago office I learnt about areas such as antitrust, class action litigation, commercial contracts and corporate takeovers. The late Brendan Nix SC was a well-renowned criminal barrister in Dublin who also gave me first-hand experience of all aspects of a murder trial.

You will see I also have a variety of work experience outside the legal world, and this has given me an invaluable basis in sales, customer service, accountability, and simply a good work ethic.

In conclusion, I pride myself on my ability to work hard and produce results on a consistent basis. This, coupled with my interest in the law, is what has driven me to apply for the summer internship programme at Byrne Wallace.

I hope you will consider me for the summer internship programme, and I know that given the opportunity I can learn, build on existing skills, and most importantly prove myself a valuable member of your team.

Yours Sincerely,

Thomas McInerney