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Re: Internship Programme 2023

Dear Ciara Loftus,

I would be grateful if you would consider my application for a place in the summer internship programme 2023 at ByrneWallace. Seeking to become a solicitor in the Republic of Ireland, I am currently enrolled as an FE1 candidate under the Law Society of Ireland, pursuing Tort and the Law of Contract in March 2023.

My aspiration for a legal career began while undertaking legal work experience at school. I spent a number of weeks shadowing solicitors in different areas of practice, gaining insight into their work and increasing my understanding of the profession, wherein the varied nature of legal work enticed me. I was fortunate enough to pursue a bachelor's degree in America under an athletic scholarship for the women's golf team. After my BA degree and seeking to become a practicing solicitor in Europe, I enrolled in and completed the LLB conversion course (GDL) at the University of City, London. I successfully earned an overall 2:1 score in Contract, Property, Criminal, Equity & Trusts, Tort, Public and EU Law. This solidified my understanding on the main pillars of the Common Law principles. Following a webinar presented by notorious solicitors in the UK, I was drawn by the work carried out by the Intellectual Property department, leading me to pursue an LL.M. at Trinity College Dublin in IP & IT Law. Studying in a city widely regarded as the European hub for business and technology has enriched my understanding of the symbiotic interaction between business, the economy and the legal system, solidifying my decision to pursue a career in commercial law. I earned a 2:1 overall, especially with high marks in Intellectual Property, Trademark Law, Copyright and Patent Law, and a 1:1 in my dissertation project.

I believe that an internship at ByrneWallace would allow me to develop the foundation necessary to pursue a successful legal career – being the only top ten law firm in Ireland with Lexcel accreditation demonstrates its rigorousness and excellence towards practice management and client service. In addition to this, I wish to become a legal intern at ByrneWallace because the dynamic nature of commercial law offers me continuous opportunities for learning, growth and long-term career satisfaction. The firm's expertise in Corporate and Commercial law and particularly in Intellectual Property is demonstrated by numerous prestigious testimonials in The Legal 500 and Chambers Europe in 2021 and, most recently, in 2022. This accolade strongly aligns with my own interests and reaffirms my fit to the firm as I have conducted extensive research around these areas for my LL.M, and throughout my professional experiences at Cohen Amir-Aslani and Orange as a trainee in the Commercial Litigation and Corporate Law seats, respectively. I am particularly interested in the firm's advisory team in complex IP and Life Sciences cases. ByrneWallace's role in advising *Inflazome Ltd* in connection with its recent Series A financing round for up to €15 million, as well as its advisory work for *Clavis Insight*, the industry leader in providing ecommerce store analytics for global consumer goods brands, on a US\$20 million equity investment from private equity firm Accel-KKR and existing investors, provide fascinating examples of the firm's pioneering work in the field of commercial and corporate law. I would relish the opportunity to undertake a seat in these departments, which would undoubtedly provide unparalleled exposure to the field and would allow me to further develop my own legal skills and knowledge.

ByrneWallace's distinguished reputation as a global law firm and the multi-jurisdictional nature of its work is highly attractive to me. As an individual who has taken advantage of every opportunity to study abroad in key American hubs such as Atlanta, and European commercial hubs including London, Paris

and Dublin, I thoroughly enjoy immersing myself in foreign cultures. The opportunity to contribute to cross-border work carried out at ByrneWallace, where transactions and deals often span multiple jurisdictions and involve multi-disciplinary collaboration, greatly excites me. In addition to this, the unparalleled opportunities to experience a secondment at ByrneWallace via the firm's membership in international law firm network group ALFA international, would enable me to deepen my intercultural understanding and commercial acumen, whilst also facilitating personal and professional growth. I believe that in an increasingly globalised world, it is essential for solicitors to understand client's global issues, and this is achieved through a deeper appreciation for different cultures. I therefore strongly resonate with ByrneWallace's global focus and would thoroughly enjoy the international work undertaken by the firm.

I believe my skills, personal values and interests are strongly suited to a career at ByrneWallace, as the firm's core values are tightly aligned with my own. I feel strongly about working in a collaborative environment and I thrive in team situations. I am a team player who can lead where required, a resilient individual and a strong communicator. An example of this was my tenure as the captain of the golf team at university, wherein I led a team of 6 players, coaching them through training sessions and tournaments. This allowed me to develop interpersonal and leadership skills that will undoubtedly serve me well during collaborative efforts with future clients and colleagues. My commitment to the role also demonstrates resilience and reliability – two qualities which are essential for a successful career in law. There have been numerous situations in sport wherein I was required to focus on my tasks, without losing sight of my role as a leader and an enabler of the team's collective success.

I am well positioned to contribute positively to the corporate culture at ByrneWallace. I am ambitious and determined and would embrace a period of intense professional growth at the firm.

Yours sincerely,

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