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Re: Internship 2022.

Dear Manager of the Intern Programme at Byrne Wallace.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the Internship Programme at Byrne Wallace. I am eager to take on a summer position at Byrne Wallace. Throughout my studies at university, I have enjoyed commercially focused subjects. Studying Property, Company, Tort and Employment modules, I have gained a passion for subjects like, equality and industrial relation disputes within the workplace.

Additionally, the variety of work available through Byrne Wallace is an advantage and something that appeals to me. For example, I have enjoyed studying a variety of different subjects like, criminal law, judges and judging and policing and society at university. Having the opportunity to gather experiences in commercial litigation areas such as administrative law like judicial review and property disputes would broaden the knowledge collected from my early study in DCU. I would be excited to experience other areas of law I have little experiences in (including banking and pensions).

I have a pro-active attitude. Being able to work in an environment with motivated and ambitious individuals who take-charge of situations for clients is appealing to me. I have experienced work situations with clients where immediate action, without panic, is required and it is something which I think I am particularly adept at.

Doing my LLM has allowed me to recognise that I enjoy turning academic legal concepts into understandable terms for clients, or in my case so far, family. More generally, I have also experienced having to explain complex issues surrounding the biology of the hair in order for my clients within the hairdressing industry to understand their limitations within their service. I would be excited to learn complex legal and academic skills from experts within Byrne Wallace.

I have a drive for education. This is evident in continuing my study at an LLM level. I require continuous learning. The structured training workshops within the Byrne Wallace programme fill my desire. Along with interaction with various experts, the continued mentoring is appealing.

Similarly, the unique and inclusive culture described within Byrne Wallace is one I want to become part of. Previous interns have spoken about how approachable and open everyone is within the firm. I have been involved in team sports for fourteen years. The collaboration within the team at Byrne Wallace is one I want to join.

Also, the history of Byrne Wallace lawyers working in free legal aid is something I would enjoy taking part in. I feel this is a value that aligns with myself. The firm’s lawyers have provided aid to communities through sporting endeavours throughout Ireland which is something I already partake in at my own GAA club. Having studied EU and International Human Rights at university, this area of work interests me.

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Amy O’Donovan.