Dear Sir / Madam,

My name is Anna Pizay, and I am a 3rd year student reading Law and French at University College Cork (UCC). I grew up in Paris, France in a multicultural home (my mum is Irish, and my dad is French) before moving to Cork in 2021 to pursue my studies. I am currently on an Erasmus year at the University Jean Moulin in Lyon, France.

I am excited about the opportunity to take part in an internship at ByrneWallace LLP. I chose to apply to your internship programme for several reasons. Firstly, on account of your stature as one of Ireland’s leading full-service law firms. Secondly, I value the holistic approach your firm offers to education and training, through the possibility of participating in a tailored learning programme. Thirdly, I appreciate the way your firm challenges their interns to reach their full potential by being exposed to challenging legal and business issues. I believe that the combination of the latter is key to enhance my learning experience. Lastly, I attach importance to the inclusive environment promoted and provided by the highly qualified lawyers and trainees within your firm.

Your firm’s commitments to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), sustainability and charitable initiatives are particularly appealing to me, as they resonate with my personal beliefs and commitments. I regard participating in your CSR as a means of growing both professionally and personally. I particularly appreciate the diversity of the causes your firm supports as well as the numerous means and resources (sporting challenges and fundraising events) deployed to promote these causes. I am keen to take part and contribute to your CSR.

Once I complete my law degree, and after sitting the Law Society of Irelands FE1 examinations, I intend to study for a Master’s Degree at one of the top French Business schools (HEC or ESSEC). I believe that such a course would allow me to gain a better understanding of the Business world and its connections with law.

My interest in Corporate Law was first triggered during the internship I carried out at the International Energy Agency, Paris. It is driven by the possibility of working in the area of “mergers and acquisitions”. Learning and understanding all the different legal Principles involved (such as tax law, employment law, corporate law etc.) has really made an impression on me. The opportunities in this area, in a widened post Brexit European sense, must be enormous.

I am confident that my combination of legal and language skills, along with my strong academic foundation, makes me a well-rounded candidate for an internship at ByrneWallace LLP. I am eager to develop my legal knowledge and practical skills under the guidance of your experienced teams.

I enclose my curriculum vitae for your attention.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to expand on my skills and motivations. Thank you for your time and consideration.

With best regards,

Anna Pizay.