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My name is Brandon Byrne, and I am a recent graduate from Maynooth University interested in working for Byrne Wallace. Having interned with Eversheds Sutherland, I gained an understanding of the essential qualities of a commercial solicitor. Practical application of the law for international and domestic clients highlighted the range of industrial connections and versatility of the legal sector, thus increasing my motivation for a career in law. An overview of client strategy and the impact of law on a commercial market was furthered upon employment at Ivor Fitzpatrick. I enjoy the idea of continuous learning, and I believe that a successful career is one that strikes a balance between academic and practical integration. Commercial law would allow me to utilise skills which I have been fortunate to advance in professional and extracurricular activities. Intellectually stimulating work at Byrne Wallace will allow me to take ownership of my role, apply changing factors to transactions and advance my skills to ensure your clients' expectations are met.

The firms culture, innovation and expertise are reasons why I would like to pursue a long-term career with Byrne Wallace.

High levels of responsibility and involvement in practical tasks will allow me to undertake challenging yet rewarding work. I enjoy the idea of continuous learning, and I believe that mentorship from legal professionals within Byrne Wallaces extensive setting will be a major advantage. Your commitment to development was highlighted during an application tips webinar in 2023. Consistent advancement of professional skills during my previous internship was highly rewarding and something I would like to gain from this programme. I would also like to work in a firm with an initiative to diversify and a focus on expansion. International recognition and global connections through ALFA International would allow me to engage with separate jurisdictions, which I find to be an extremely attractive proposition when considering a future career.

Your ability to dominate the legal sector demonstrates a competitive advantage when accessing the internal market. Innovation alongside industries that could potentially disrupt the status quo distinguishes your position in Ireland and shows that you are valued as advisers with an adaptive response to your client's needs. A focus on sustaining your reputation through consistency and upholding your social responsibility is particularly admirable.

Unrivalled expansion into various sectors is intriguing, particularly your navigation of complex technology law issues. I admire your advisory position to ECBF on its \$7m investment in Irish Al-discovery platform company Nuritas. An ability to counteract regulatory changes is an unpredictable industry is fascinating. An introduction to innovation in legal technology whilst carrying out a Vantage online internship with a UK Magic Circle firm influenced my interest in the shift of Al governance. I believe that a career with Byrne Wallace would allow me to become part of this profound change.

I have many transferable skills including an ability to communicate, innovate and manage tasks efficiently.

During my internship with Eversheds, I learned the importance of concise communication. This extended to my peers, particularly during my handover to new trainees and learning and development seminars. Communicating the actionability of an internal media campaign was a key highlighted strength with a successful outcome during the panel's deliberation. I believe that honest communication which focuses on long-term goals should take precedence over short-term gain. Attracting global universities to an international negotiation competition by subsidising costs through sponsorship allowed me to maintain a global network with participants.

An example of my innovation was my establishment of a new credit system within Maynooth University. This required research beneficial to my proposal and confident presentation. Arranging professional workshops and annual productions sustained the society's reputation and increased its members. The society upholds a new partnership with the music department, extra funding and a nomination for the best academic society in Ireland in 2023. This allowed me to undertake further production and performance roles and practice presentation and writing skills whilst directing.

Lastly, I am well organised. As a legal executive I have been tasked with managing a large volume of client relations. Ensuring that I meet deadlines for each client requires persistent organisation. This role has allowed me to find new and efficient solutions. To thrive in this environment, it has become necessary to refine my ability to manage my workload and ensure consistency. This is a valuable skill that I have been fortunate to acquire by sitting alongside partners and solicitors when carrying out tasks and acknowledging their distinct techniques when negotiating the best interests of our clients.

I am currently sitting the remainder of my FE1's and hope to secure a training contract for 2025/26. I hope you have enjoyed reading my application form and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Brandon Byrne