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Dear Sirs,

I am a recent First-Class Honours Masters of Law (LL.M with International Law specialisation) and Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) graduate of NUI Galway and current FE-1 Candidate, and I am writing to express my immense interest in partaking in an internship within your esteemed firm this summer.

Byrne Wallace has always greatly appealed to me both during, and since graduating from NUI Galway, as I have always known Byrne Wallace to be a notably progressive, dynamic and forward-thinking practice that is a leader in areas of law which are compatible with my own strengths and interests, such as Public & Administrative Law, Commercial Law, Intellectual Property Law, International and EU Law, Trade Law, and Litigation, including Data Protection and Employment Law. Having developed a strong understanding of these areas academically during my undergraduate degree and my Masters, and practically through my current role as a Legal Secretary/Legal Assistant in a highly successful Irish Law Firm, I am hugely eager to expand my legal knowledge and experience further in a leading full-service law firm which challenges their employees and enables them to reach their full potential. Additionally, Byrne Wallace's reputation of empowering and mentoring their employees has always been a quality that has stood out to me immensely, and moreover, excites me as a future-Solicitor eager to obtain wisdom and valuable experience from highly qualified, like-minded professionals. It is for these reasons that I believe that Byrne Wallace would be a fantastic firm to develop my legal career in, and that I could be a great asset to your team.

Having recently graduated from NUI Galway with a Masters of Law and Bachelor of Civil Law, the next step in my legal career is to sit the FE-1 examinations this March, and progress to undertake the PPC-I in 2023/2024. I believe uptaking the role of intern in a firm as fast-paced and diverse as Byrne Wallace would bolster my appreciation of how the law works in practice while studying for the FE-1s, and not just from the books. Such experience would also enable me to confidently apply fresh knowledge of the law to my tasks as an intern, and would ensure I am as efficient, effective and knowledgeable in role as possible. I firmly believe that my eagerness to learn about the law in practice, coupled with my relevant experience, strong academic record, diligent work ethic and flexible, energetic attitude would make me an excellent, highly capable intern for your practice this summer.

I am an engaging, adaptable, analytical and highly motivated, results-driven individual. On foot of achieving a First-Class Honours in my Bachelor of Civil Law, for which I graduated 4th overall in my year, I was awarded the NUI Galway Postgraduate Academic Scholarship in 2020, which went towards the study of my Masters in the University. Additionally, I am currently a Legal Content Writer for the award-winning UK Legal Blog "According to a Law Student", which is focused on commercial awareness, Corporate Law and Intellectual Property Law both in Ireland and the UK, which is another area of law I hold a huge passion for. I also have academic publications currently being reviewed for inclusion within the NUI Galway Law Review in the areas of Sentencing & Penal Policy, International Criminal Law and Business & Human Rights. In particular, I am drawn to the writing and research components of legal work, as both of these are skills at which I excel. My writing experience, and undertaking the LL.M, has taught me valuable skills such as innovative and critical thinking, self-motivation, and has greatly strengthened my strategic-thinking, presentation and communication skills, which I believe I can competently apply to future legal practice, and particularly, to an internship that demands initiative, perceptiveness and inventiveness.

I wish to begin the hard work law demands, and I am eager to learn and gain exposure to the legal world in a progressive and innovative full-service firm whose expertise accord strongly with my own passions in law. Please find my CV enclosed, which details my excellent academic record and illustrates why, I believe, I would make a confident and capable intern within Byrne Wallace.

Yours Sincerely,
Chantelle McInern

