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Dear: whom this may concern,

I am a third year student studying the Bachelors of Laws degree in Maynooth University. Currently, I am studying in the Catholic University of Lyon in France on the Erasmus programme. I have been dedicated to pursuing a career in law for many years. I hope to sit my FE1 examinations in the coming years to qualify as a solicitor. I am interested mainly in international law and commercial law, which is my reasoning for applying for a position on your Summer Internship Programme 2024.

My interest in pursuing a career in law began when I was in secondary school. I was offered an opportunity through the Gardai Siochana to visit the Criminal Courts of Justice in Dublin. During this visit I was privileged to be able to witness a criminal trial. The skillset of the barristers and the conflicting statements drew my interest immediately. After this opportunity, I visited multiple university law departments and attended further university talks. Thus, leading me to apply for the Bachelor of Laws degree in Maynooth University.

After my first year in Maynooth University, I achieved outstanding exam results which made me applicable for the universities Laureate Programme for high achieving students. After an application process I was chosen as a nominee for the Laureate Award. Through this programme I have been attending extra-curricular lectures designed to extend my knowledge further than the regular degree offers. These extra lectures drew me towards international and commercial law, further leading me to apply for the European Union's Erasmus Programme.

Through the Erasmus Programme, I have been attending the Catholic University of Lyon. Here, I attend my lectures through English while taking an extra module learning French. I have chosen to specialise in international law and commercial law while studying in France. Through these modules I have chosen to research into other common law jurisdictions. I have extensive knowledge of common law practice in US Federal law and in the United Kingdom. Through this programme I have also completed Master's degree modules in international contract law and dispute resolution, extending my abilities further than those of a regular Bachelor of Laws degree. These Master degree modules have been commercially based and have created an interest in commercial law practices, which have spurred me to apply for your firm.

I am also interested in your firms practice of GDPR laws and further data protection laws. While studying in Lyon, I undertook a GDPR module and completed a presentation regarding the substantive safeguards provided by the Tunisian government compared to the GDPR standards. I gained valuable knowledge of the criteria needed for the controlling and processing of data in third countries and am capable and analysing appropriate safeguards. I would be keen to gain some experience and expand my knowledge of GDPR through your firm.

During my third level education was given the opportunity to work at O'Shea Russell solicitors. Here I developed skills in document preparation, document drafting and organisation of files. I also partook in research tasks to develop my analytical skills. I worked with Mr. Russell who is a tribunal member in the immigration sector. I was drawn to your firm when I researched into your practice of corporate immigration. I have a strong interest in immigration law, both from working with Mr. Russell and from my international studies in Lyon. It is an area of law I would be keen to gain experience in and I find that your firm offers the best opportunity.

If given an opportunity at your firm, I can assure all work provided will be completed to a high standard. I pride myself on my work ethic and thoroughly find enjoyment in legal research and document analysis. I hope my experience and knowledge could be valuable to your team and I would be grateful to learn from your team in ByrneWallace.

I would be honoured to be considered for your Summer Internship Programme 2024. If any further details are required I will gladly provide them. Any feedback, both negative or positive, would be appreciated. Thank you for this opportunity and I hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards,

Ciana Cushen