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Dear Graduate Recruitment Manager,

My name is Ciara McLaughlin and I am writing to you regarding selection for your summer internship programme, for which I have a number of reasons I would like to be considered.

First, I believe that working in ByrneWallace would be an excellent path for me to further my skills as an aspiring solicitor. I have been fortunate to have gained experience in many different professional environments, ranging from a GP practice to my local pub. These jobs have developed my communication skills and taught me about the emphasis a business must place on client satisfaction and excellent service. In addition, I have learnt to work effectively in a team, including highly pressured environments, in which I think I thrive. My involvement in extra-curricular activities have also aided in the development of my skillset. From adopting leadership positions as a prefect in school and on my university’s Cancer Society, I have been able to develop these skills accordingly. I have further experienced how to effectively work and communicate in a team through my involvement in hockey.

These experiences have provided me with valuable exposure to various roles in life. However, I would now like to develop the legal side of my experience. My work experience in a corporate firm in 2019 laid the foundation for my interest in commercial law, and indeed helped me choose to study law and business at university. I would love to expand my experience through the unique skill-developing opportunities an internship at ByrneWallace would bring. There is no doubt that ByrneWallace has an outstanding reputation, known as a top firm in Ireland to work for and for its involvement in so much of the innovative commercial legal work in Ireland. As a 2nd year student, I think it is important to intern at a firm which offers a wide range of legal disciplines at such a high standard, enabling me to get a well-rounded experience so as to fully understand the profession of a solicitor at a leading firm.

Finally, I have found my study of law and business to date to be hugely rewarding, largely owing to the complementary nature of both disciplines. I would therefore like to take this passion beyond an academic setting and learn how the law functions in a real-life commercial setting. Thus, I believe I would fit in well to ByrneWallace’s ‘progressive and forward thinking’ approach to work should I be offered an internship here.

To conclude, I believe that I am an honest, hardworking and reliable individual and would be thrilled to have the chance to participate in the internship team at ByrneWallace this summer. I hope your firm will seriously consider me for this role.

Yours sincerely,

Ciara McLaughlin