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HR Manager  
Byrne Wallace  
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Dear Sirs,

I am applying for the role of Legal Intern as advertised on your website. I am aware of the position due to Byrne Wallace's fantastic reputation as a major Commercial law firm. I am a recent law graduate from UCC having received my BCL degree in 2020 achieving a second-class honours grade one. I have also completed the first sitting of my FE1 Examinations. Further details can be found in my enclosed CV.

I am interested in pursuing a career as a solicitor in a commercial law firm as I believe this division of law is the most interesting having studied it during second year and having completed work experience in a boutique commercial law firm, Regan Wall. Working for a law firm like Byrne Wallace, interns can gain knowledge on a vast array of topics such as employment law, mergers and acquisitions, and commercial property. This allows for the work environment to be stimulating and forever evolving. I also believe that a career within a commercial law firm would benefit me immensely as commercial solicitors develop an understanding that goes beyond legal issues as you obtain a business acumen that is similar to that of a banker or accountant. This means that the law I have studied will be beneficial when applied to practical, business situations. I am applying to Byrne Wallace in particular as they are one of Ireland's most well respected law firms, including being awarded Law Firm of the Year at the ACQ5 Law Awards in 2018. This conveys a clear desire from the firm to continue to develop and evolve as one of Ireland's premier commercial law firms.

What I feel is my separating factor from others is my experience and the work ethic that I have developed from a very young age. Commencing work at a young age has taught me many highly employable skills, such as working under pressure, time management and a drive for excellence. I thrive in the work environment and as a result I have been rewarded with additional responsibilities in every position I have held. I also have excellent interpersonal skills as a result of my previous work experience enabling me to be able to engage with work colleagues and clients. My reasons for applying to the Byrne Wallace internship programme include the want to explore my passion for law and my deep interest to work with solicitors, businesses and businesspeople in commerce and business dealings.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me as I would be delighted to speak with you. I am available for interview at your convenience.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this application.

Yours sincerely,

Conor McQuaid