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Dear Ms Loftus,

I am a final year Bachelor of Laws student at Technological University Dublin, expecting to graduate in 2024 with an upper second-class honours degree. Thank you for the opportunity to apply for the 2024 summer internship at Byrne Wallace.

I found myself drawn to commercial law when I participated in the Accelerate programme with Arthur Cox in my second year, where I shadowed a trainee solicitor in the Pensions and Employee Benefits Group and networked with market-leading lawyers which provided me with valuable insights into a career in commercial law. In pursuing my interest in commercial law, I took part in the 'Law Hero' workshop on campus, hosted by a practising in-house solicitor at Volkswagen. In this workshop, I developed my collaborative skills by engaging in a practice group presentation, as a commercial lawyer having the ability to collaborate with others in your team is pivotal which is an attribute that I will undoubtedly bring as an intern. I developed my communication skills as a customer assistant in both Aldi and Lidl, by frequently advising and providing solutions for clients who had any inquiries or complaints, which will enable me as an intern to assist my team in providing excellent solutions for clients.

It would be a privilege to complete an Internship at ByrneWallace as interns are exposed to challenging, high quality and thought-provoking work. The insights provided by previous Summer Interns highlight that they are valued members of the team regardless of their experience.

I am particularly drawn towards ByrneWallace as the firm is consistently recognised as a tier 1 firm across a wide range of practice areas such as Real Estate and Healthcare and Life Sciences, further proving that the firm is at the forefront of the commercial legal industry with prestigious clients such as Bank of Ireland and Lidl Ireland GmbH. The corporate social initiatives present at ByrneWallace such as the annual 'Cake for Clobber' event and the weekly support of St Audoen's National School reinforces my desire to work at this firm as it shows that ByrneWallace is playing its part in achieving social change.

In getting involved with the Law Society I have developed my teamwork and organisational skills. As a member of the committee, I planned and delivered two flagship "Law Ball" events which usually took place at the end of each academic year, with the assistance of a team of other students, I demonstrated flexibility to take up additional assignments for the wider benefit of the team. Working as a commercial lawyer, it is vital to have teamwork skills that can enable one to connect with teammates whilst collectively maximising productivity. It is also important to have organisational skills to manage the litany of assignments that can arise in the course of one's work; these skills are ones that I will undoubtedly bring to my work as both an intern and eventually a trainee. Please accept this cover letter and my Curriculum Vitae as an introduction to my skills and background. I look forward to hearing from you to discuss my application in more detail.

Yours sincerely,
Divine Ighodaro