Dear internship recruitment team,

I am writing to apply for the internship programme at ByrneWallace. I am a second year Business and Law student at the University College Dublin, and I believe that this year is the perfect opportunity for me to explore what aspects of law I would like to do in the future. It is also a chance for me to become more familiar with the operations and functioning of a law firm, something that is not given enough insight into in college. In learning about ByrneWallace’s corporate transactions, such as advising Mainstream Renewable Power on $620 million debt fundraise for Chilean Wind and solar projects, I became curious about the work involved in such cases, and the thought process behind the decisions made by firms and regulators. I was interested in this transaction as it involves renewable energy, the area that is currently lacking in financial funding in the current economic backdrop, so I am intrigued at how lawyers can find solutions to difficult cases or when faced with uncertainty. ByrneWallace is one of Ireland’s largest full-service law firms, and the only top ten law firm with Lexcel accreditation. This illustrates to me that ByrneWallace is a firm of a high standards, so I believe it is the perfect firm that will accommodate my development and curiosity.

I have an interest in helping people resolve their problems. As the eldest daughter, I try my best to help my friends and brother, providing support when they need it. I also help my parents communicate due to English being their second language. I also try my best to listen to other people’s situations, sometimes receiving insight into problems I have never considered before, or just learning from other people’s perception and how it differs from my own. These aspects are what compelled me to pursue law as law helps other people, namely clients, resolve their problems. I believe I can also translate these skills to the work a law firm does, hence I would be suited to the work involved at ByrneWallace.

I have also become increasingly involved in other activities such as the Negotiation competition held by the student legal service society on campus, and the Maiden’s competition held by the Law society. I believe these activities enhances my skills, enabling me to gain more experience. I love participating in these activities as they induce excitement and adrenaline, in which I become fully engaged and committed to embodying my role. It was my first time participating in debating and negotiation competitions, in which I made it to the Plate Finals and the Quarter Finals. I learnt a lot from these experiences, and it was fun to fully immerse myself in these events. Thus, I would like to explore more opportunities where I will be able to challenge myself like this.

I have experience in a fast-paced and unpredictable environment. I am currently working part time in a hotel in which there are always new situations I face; therefore, I am trained to adapt my skills and talents accordingly. I always aim to complete my work to the appropriate and required standard and I am of the view that an individual does need to challenge themselves to grow. ByrneWallace’s environment of resilience and evolution will allow me to freely take on new challenges that are within my scope of completion. I have strong academic results, currently achieving a 2.1 GPA, and having obtained 613 points in my leaving certificate. I always take my role and tasks seriously, aiming to achieve the appropriate standard. This is evident through my hobbies, achievements, and my Leaving Certificate results. I have experience working in teams, cooperating with others and I understand the importance of achieving goals as a team, not just as an individual.

I try to stay up to date with current affairs by listening to the news and podcasts. In February of last year, I completed an assessment center with Future City Lawyers, in which we were asked about the commercial and legal impacts of a certain scenario, aimed at testing our commercial awareness. The purpose was to choose candidates for an insight day. I had to compete with other candidates, in which the candidates with the best answers were chosen for the next round, an interview. This was my first assessment center that I had completed, which was an eye-opening experience, and I was ecstatic when I learned I had passed.

ByrneWallace is a firm that embraces progressiveness and has implemented technology in their practice, enabling them to understand their client’s needs and enhance the expertise of the legal team. This caught my attention as it illustrates that ByrneWallace is adapting to trends in the market, unafraid of change, therefore an environment that will enable me to achieve my full potential. The diversity of expertise will enable me to gain insight into all areas of Irish law, therefore I would like to get involved in the work ByrneWallace does. Thus, I would integrate well into ByrneWallace.