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Dear Manager of the Summer Intern Programme,

I am a final-year Law and Business student at University College Cork, and wish to apply for a Summer Internship at ByrneWallace. I learned about this opportunity through word of mouth, with the firm being held in high esteem by my peers and mentors. I believe that it would be an invaluable experience for me to learn from a full-service law firm, which has received many awards and accolades, such as recently being recognised as one of Ireland’s leading law firms by Legal 500 and Chambers Europe. Interning at ByrneWallace would allow me to pursue my ambition of a future career in Corporate Law.

Growing up I have always been a well-rounded individual, with a strong work ethic and dedication to my studies, but also a deep devotion to my other hobbies and interests. This truly allowed me to thrive and succeed throughout school and now during university. It has taught me the importance of time-management, organisational skills, and certainly unwavering commitment. Therefore, I chose to study law as I see it as an excellent match for my personality and strengths. My ambition, coupled with my communication and argumentation skills are why I am confident that I could contribute substantively to the work of your firm, all while having the fortune of furthering and strengthening my education.

I chose to study Law and Business with a view to pursuing a career in Corporate Law. Since the beginning of my degree, I have studied a wide variety of modules in the areas of both Law and Commerce. However, one that particularly piqued my interest was Company Law. Notably, I think that the concept of Separate Corporate Personality, and the possibility of ‘lifting the corporate veil’ intriguing. The area is interestingly unpredictable and is constantly changing. Likewise, I would like to gain insight into the area of banking and financial law which is a rapidly expanding and exciting field with the explosion of fintech and artificial intelligence. It would be an incredible opportunity to acquire knowledge and experience from a firm with an acknowledged expertise in the area.

Furthermore, as a female law student, the promotion of women within your company is a major attraction for me. Although law firms have been traditionally dominated by men, your proactive support of gender equality within leadership roles is truly inspiring. I believe that women have complimentary qualities to men and a firm with a true gender balance is the optimal model for the future.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read my application and cover letter. I look forward to hearing back from you, and hope to have the opportunity to interview with you regarding the summer internship.

Kind regards,

Erin Taylor.