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Dear Recruitment Manager,

My name is Grace and I am delighted to be applying for the Summer Internship Programme at ByrneWallace. As a penultimate law student at UCC, I have developed knowledge in many areas of law and have developed a keen interest in revenue, contract and privacy and data protection law. My passion for law led me to join the philosophical society, where I was able to hone my argumentative and reasoning skills. Throughout my time at university, I feel I have developed a keen understanding of the Irish legal system and developed my analytical and research skills which I believe will be valuable at ByrneWallace.

In addition to my collegiate activities, I have also worked as a clerk in a legal practice since 2017. This has been an excellent experience, where I have seen how an office is run and what it takes to get a case to court. I have been exposed to a range of legal topics, where I have found taxation and property to be particularly interesting. We dealt with several cases where the solicitors advised clients on how to minimise their tax exposure. One example was where a client was encouraged to take the farras inheritance rather than the family home, as capital gains tax is paid at only 10% of the asset value for agricultural assets, in comparison to a €350,000 maximum write-off for non-agricultural assets. I found this fascinating, and it solidified my choice to pursue a career in law.

My decision to seek an opportunity with ByrneWallace is influenced by its distinguished reputation of a commitment to excellence. I was particularly impressed by ByrneWallace's achievements, including Lexcel accreditation and ISO 27001 certification, attesting to the firm's commitment to excellence in practice management and information security. Your embrace of technology as a means to enhance client service resonates with my belief in the pursuit of excellence in a legal practice. Thank you for considering my application, and I look forward to hearing back from you shortly.

Kind Regards,

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