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To whom it may concern,

I would like to apply for a position on the summer internship programme at ByrneWallace.

A career in corporate law appeals to me because of its relevance to real world problems and the opportunities to create innovative solutions. As a corporate lawyer, your contribution can have a direct impact on shaping the world around us, which I find very exciting. ByrneWallace's involvement in high profile and sophisticated cases makes it the perfect place to develop a career in this sector. This firm's consistent ranking in the top tier of Irish law firms and the impressive amount of awards and accolades earned makes Byrne Wallace all the more attractive to me as an internship option. The combination of legal expertise and commercial awareness is what motivates me to contribute my skills to a reputable corporate law firm like ByrneWallace, where I can make meaningful contributions to the success of businesses.

I would enjoy working in the dynamic and challenging work environment in ByrneWallace. As a waitress in a Michelin Guide restaurant I can multitask and work well under pressure in a fast paced environment. Furthermore, I would welcome the opportunity to put my problem solving skills to work in the ever changing, complex corporate world.

I am particularly drawn to the interpersonal aspects of the internship, with an emphasis on delivering exceptional service to clients while working as part of a team. My part-time jobs in retail and hospitality have given me invaluable experience dealing with people, both team colleagues and the general public. I can also work effectively in collaborative environments owing to my participation in team sports, academic group projects and involvement in college societies. Through these experiences, I gained an appreciation for the indispensable role of teamwork in achieving optimal outcomes. I am drawn to the partner-led approach in ByrneWallace, where collaboration and connection with clients are prioritised.

I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to high profile cases as part of the internship programme. While studying 'Competition Law in the Digital Market' on Erasmus, I participated in a group project that required us to write a hypothetical letter to Meta following their recent acquisition of Giphy, arguing whether the acquisition was anti-competitive. I really enjoyed applying my knowledge in a real world scenario and I would love the opportunity to work on similar projects on ByrneWallace's internship programme.

The opportunity to participate in a tailored learning programme, in a large firm such as ByrneWallace that spans across multiple aspects of corporate law, appeals to me as there is plenty of room for knowledge expansion, career progression and new challenges. As an avid learner, the diversity of expertise in ByrneWallace, and the opportunity to learn from some of the best lawyers in their field strongly appeals to me.

Byrne Wallaces's global aspect particularly interests me. Our increasingly globalised society calls for a more broad perspective in order to effectively solve problems. Legal developments in one region can significantly impact another, and understanding the role that law plays in dynamic economic shifts fascinates me. The teaching in the De Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, where I studied on Erasmus, was a lot more Eurocentric, and learning about cross-border cases and dynamics was thoroughly compelling. Moreover, I love to travel and I would relish the opportunity to work abroad.

The forward thinking approach taken by ByrneWallace stands out to me, as someone who is particularly interested in the areas of technology law and the digital market. I would love to be involved with a firm that embraces technology and that views law as a disruptor in this evolving field.

Thanking you in anticipation of your consideration.

Sincerely, Hannah O'Callaghan