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Re: Application for Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Position

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am an LLB Law and Political Science student at Trinity College Dublin, and I'm writing this letter to apply for the Summer Intern Programme at the Byrne Wallace Dublin office. My passion for social impact, combined with a strong set of interpersonal skills and an independent and determined mindset, has led me to pursue a career in law.

Regarding my general interests, I am a community-minded individual, having volunteered with the Friends of the Elderly Charity, as well as being a student mentor within my university. In this role, I won the Trinity S2S Prize for outstanding course impact, evidence of my creativity in the role and dedication to the students I was responsible for. My hobbies include music, having reached a Grade 6 qualification in my piano examinations, and outdoor activities such as hiking, surfing, and skiing. Furthermore, I have a strong academic focus coupled with ambition, and have maintained high grades throughout my time in university. I was awarded the Trinity Book Prize in my first year at college, having received first-class honours, and have maintained a top five class ranking within my course.

While at university I have sought experience that would test, and affirm, my desire to pursue a career in law, and last year I secured a month-long summer internship with your firm, Byrne Wallace LLP. My time at Byrne Wallace meant working as part of the banking team in a competitive environment, assisting in the preparation of legal documents, corresponding with clients on important transactions, and attending meetings with associates and partners of the firm. In addition, my commercial awareness was enhanced through one-on-one sessions with a partner in the firm, where we discussed aspects of the industry and company law. This experience cemented my desire to work in commercial law, and further developed my communication, problem-solving, and teamwork skills. I am looking to build on this foundation, while broadening my exposure to further legal and commercial issues.

I believe Byrne Wallace is differentiated in the Irish legal sphere by its broad expertise across practice areas and tailored approach, creating a lasting impact that is needed for client retention. During my time with the firm, I found Byrne Wallace to have a unique combination of commercial focus and corporate social responsibility, creating an atmosphere that inspires collaboration and innovation. The firm's work in areas such as the energy and renewable sector, with specific expertise in onshore wind and solar PV projects, and child care law, interests me immensely, and acts as a genuine indicator of a firm in support of positive social change. Such attributes make Byrne Wallace incredibly attractive to me as a graduate with a passion to pursue a career in commercial law.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully,
Isabel O'Connell

