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RE: Byrne Wallace LLP Summer Internship Programme

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Kitty-Mae McCormack, I am a final year BCLB Law and Business student at the University of Galway, with an average upper 2.1 grade. I am applying to Byrne Wallace because of your standing as a preeminent Irish law firm, with practices in a wide range of areas. It is a natural place for me, as an aspiring commercial lawyer, to begin my legal career.

I have a passion for law, especially in the dynamic and evolving area of commercial law. My university course has ignited a real interest in how law can be used as a tool to both advance and regulate the world of commerce. I’ve also enjoyed the business components of my degree and would relish the opportunity to use the business knowledge and skills that I have acquired to practice law in a commercial setting.

In the summer of 2023, I interned in John F Martin Solicitors (Galway). I received invaluable on the job experience. It provided me with an insight into day-to-day life in a general law practice. In particular, I saw how important it is for solicitors to be organised and methodical, always with a keen attention to detail. I now have a good understanding of how the court system works. I met various solicitors, barristers and judges and gained an insight into their work.

I am a highly ambitious and motivated person. I am the Vice President of Academic Activities with the European Law Students Association (ELSA) Galway. This requires me to be efficient, organised and have the ability to lead, as well as work as part of a team. I have mentored incoming First Year Law students. I participated in my schools Student Council. I was a member of Comhairle Na nÓg for Limerick City and County Council. These roles gave me the chance to learn about leadership, active listening, and empathy.

I enjoy collaborating with others and meeting new people. I spent a year studying in Leiden, The Netherlands. I became part of a unique community, making lasting, worldwide connections. My numerous work experiences in the retail and hospitality sectors throughout school and university have also led me to form lasting connections, while developing my time management, interpersonal, and organisational skills.

It is clear to me that Byrne Wallace LLP is committed to creating a positive, inclusive environment that celebrates diversity. I believe my own values align with the firms, a place where each individual is empowered to reach their full potential. I would highly value the opportunity to complete a summer internship with your firm. I hope my application demonstrates my capabilities as a hard-working, driven individual. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours sincerely,

Kitty-Mae McCormack.

