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Dear Ms Ciara Loftus,

I wish to apply for the 2023 Byrne Wallace Summer Internship program as advertised on the firm’s website. As a law student in the penultimate year of my degree, interning at Byrne Wallace would be highly beneficial. Working within one of your core practice areas would complement my academic knowledge by demonstrating how the law is applied in a practical context.

Based on the recognisable clients that Byrne Wallace serves, it is evident that it is a respected and valued firm where I can see myself working as a future solicitor. It would be exciting for me to work with familiar commercial entities, like the HSE, Bord na Móna or Ulster Bank. Knowing that these dominant companies seek your advice reveals the expertise that your lawyers have repeatedly demonstrated and draws me to want to practise here when I qualify. Working on high-profile cases involving these companies is the exact type of challenge I am currently seeking as I begin my legal career.

Communication is paramount for a career in law and is a skill which I continue to build upon. I have consolidated my communication skills, both oral and written, in numerous endeavours. I received a certificate in public speaking under the Leinster School of Music and Drama and won numerous awards in local Feiseanna. I have been trained to competently deliver both prepared and unprepared speeches – a pivotal aptitude for any successful lawyer, whether negotiating a settlement or presenting to clients. This year, I have advanced to the final of the Irish Times Debate. I feel that my strong ability to communicate proves that I am a suitable candidate who matches the type of person that the firm seeks for this programme.

The ability to work within a team is also fundamental in corporate law. I am very team-oriented and thrive in a group environment. I value hearing other people’s perspectives when troubleshooting issues and resolving problems to achieve a common goal. Teamwork is a core aspect of my work within the Student Legal Service advice clinics. I have thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with others to help advise students on a range of legal issues. Not only has this expanded my ability to work with a team, it has also expanded my practical legal knowledge which I hope to further substantiate within this internship.

Having earned a 1:1 grade this year, my academic achievements highlight that I can contribute to the profound legal expertise of your firm. I have excelled in a range of legal subjects, such as EU Economic Law, Company and Commercial Law, allowing my legal knowledge to flourish throughout my degree.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon. I am excited to learn more about this role and I am available for interview at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Laura