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Dear sir/madam,

I am writing to apply for an internship with Byrne Wallace during Summer 2022. This cover letter will explain why I wish to work with Byrne Wallace and why I am suited to the firm.

Firstly, I am attracted to Byrne Wallace’s focus on quality legal advice as well as its commercial drive and client-based solutions to allow businesses and communities around them to flourish. One of Byrne Wallace’s practice areas is property & real estate and within this practice area, the firm provides services on green legislation. This interests me from a sustainability background as my part-time work since October has revolved around analysing companies’ activities under the guise of the EU Green Taxonomy Regulation. During my tenure at ELS Europe, I have worked directly for ELS Europe’s client, who are a multinational company that provide data analytics. I am also attracted to Byrne Wallace’s international outlook, its focus on training and the collegiality of the firm. I want to work in a progressive firm, and one that also has a strong Corporate Social Responsibility especially in community engagement around areas such as working with people who have a disability. This is an area which I have previously lobbied on, aiming to secure better accessibility for people with disabilities locally in West Cork when I was a member of the Clonakilty Access Group.

Secondly, after having interned with Mason Hayes & Curran solicitors, I have gained experience in several legal practice areas such as commercial litigation and intellectual property rights. I interned under Colin Monaghan and gained a valuable insight into the busy day to day operations of the commercial litigation department and especially when it came to balance several different cases and clients at once. Not only did I learn about the process of litigation, but I also worked closely with Mr. Monaghan on different cases and assisted him with undertaking research as well as engaging in discovery of documents. I was also exposed to the Intellectual Property department where I worked with two associates on establishing trademarks and was tasked with researching any breach of IP rights for several clients.

Thirdly, I am also interested in the areas of tax law, sports law, public and administrative law and Banking law and this appeals to me specifically because these are areas in which I want to pursue a legal career in. Sports law is an area which interests me as I have worked as National Secretary on the Croquet Association of Ireland board and I managed the administrative side of the association. This also included participation in Sports Ireland mid-year reviews, completing the Governance e-code learning programme and reviewing and updating the organisations constitution. I also manage the organisations data protection and ensured that the Croquet Association of Ireland was up to date with current General Data Protection Regulations.

Apart from the experience mentioned above, I am suited to Byrne Wallace due to my interpersonal skills, international outlook, and ability to balance various tasks in a high-pressured environment. Working in the busy offices of Allied Irish Bank, I developed personal but professional relationships with different types of clients who were Irish and non-Irish alike. Along with success in helping clients with their banking issues, this experience is indicative of my strong interpersonal skills as well as an international outlook as I communicated with clients’ who held their own personal accounts as well as corporate customers both within Ireland and outside of Ireland with issues that affected them. In terms of the lawyerly skills of balancing multiple tasks while under pressure, I have been working with ELS Europe as a sustainable finance analyst all while completing my final year in the Master of Common Law degree in UCD.

Please consider inviting me to interview. You will not be disappointed!

Yours faithfully,

Liam Byrne