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To whom it may concern,

I am a fourth year LLB student in Maynooth University and I am interested in a summer internship position with Byrne Wallace. The main reason for this is I wish to get corporate law firm experience from a firm that is big enough to take on multiple interns (for group activities).

In the last year, I found myself leaning more towards a career in corporate law than any other sector. This shift in my mindset from family law to corporate law took place during the third year of my degree when I began to study company law. I went into company law having no real interest in it and figured I would just do my best. However, through the process of studying and creating a fake company as a project I became really intrigued by this area. The company project did help me get a better grasp of the area, which is why I know I will learn by participating in the intern programme that your firm has developed as I retain knowledge by putting it to use.

I am aware that Byrne Wallace practices in a wide range of areas. The areas that are of keen interest to me are banking and finance, intellectual property, health and safety and alternative dispute resolution. I chose a banking module this year so I personally could get a better understanding of the bank's structure and I got a grasp of it quickly as financial matters seem to resonate with me. Intellectual property did take me a while longer to get the grips of as there are multiple types of intellectual properties with parallel laws that I had to study to be able to differentiate them clearly and through the studying I realised compelling the cases were and that I would like to work in this area one day. As I am currently working on a construction site, matters of health and safety are issues I see every day and it has only reinforced my desire to ensure all protocols are followed so everyone is safe. The vastly growing area of alternative dispute resolution greatly intrigues me to the point that I am going to do a course in mediation next year to be a qualified mediator under the Mediators Institute of Ireland. I am aware that I will not get to experience all these areas during the internship but as I am always thinking long-term, I hope that I will get to be involved with them in the future during a possible traineeship.

I would be truly grateful for the next step in my career would be with Byrne Wallace as I know you will do your best throughout the internship to see that I am using my full potential. Thank you very much for reading my cover letter and I hope you will consider me for a position on your summer internship programme.

Many Thanks,

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