To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to apply for the summer internship programme at ByrneWallace LLP.

I am currently a student at the Sutherland School of Law in UCD, pursuing a master’s in Common Law. I have a strong academic background with an honours undergraduate degree in History and an honours master’s in American History, as well as relevant but limited work experience in the legal field.

I am drawn to ByrneWallace LLP due to its reputation as a leading Irish law firm with international influence and diverse practice areas. I am particularly interested in corporate litigation and dispute resolution. I have also followed some of the recent transactions and cases that ByrneWallace LLP has been involved in, such as advising the PAM group on their acquisition of Corporate Health Ireland, enabling the PAM group’s expansion into Ireland. I admire the firm’s expertise, innovation, client focus and commitment to staying at the forefront of legal developments.

I am currently studying modules in advanced property, contract, tort, criminal, EU, and Irish constitutional law as part of the master’s in Common Law.

In 2023, I completed a Master’s in American History at the University of Edinburgh, where I graduated with Merit and achieved a Distinction in my dissertation. In my undergraduate degree in History from Trinity College Dublin, I graduated with a first-division 2.1 and achieved a first-class honours in my dissertation. During both my undergraduate degree and master’s, I honed my research, writing, and analytical skills by completing frequent and extensive essay and exam-based coursework. I have been published in a peer-reviewed journal, the Trinity Journal of Histories, and contributed to the DU History magazine, The Historian. I am currently a sub-editor for the UCD Student Legal Service Society journal, which will feature articles on Society and the Law.

I have gained valuable insights into the legal profession through shadowing opportunities and work experience. I have shadowed at the solicitor firm Reddy Charlton LLP and shadowed barrister Martin Fitzgerald BL, where I observed the day-to-day workings of both professions, which involved the preparation and execution of cases. Over the years, I worked as an administrative assistant at John Hogan & Associates Financial Brokers, assisting clients with queries, scanning, filing, and photocopying.

I have demonstrated my leadership and teamwork skills through my involvement in volunteering activities. I was a team leader and an active member of Trinity’s Vincent De Paul Street Outreach programme, providing services to homeless people in Dublin city centre. I also participated in the One-to-One Digital programme, which helped elderly adults become more familiar and confident with using technology.

I have the skills, qualifications, and enthusiasm to contribute to ByrneWallace LLP and make the most of the skills and opportunities the summer internship programme provides. I welcome the opportunity to discuss my application further and to learn more about the firm.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Hogan