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Dear Recruitment Manager,

Dividing this letter into two parts; the first matter to elaborate on, is why I wish to undertake an internship and subsequently I hope a traineeship, the second is why I feel that Byrne Wallace holds a particularly strong appeal.

My first interact with legal practice, was through transition year work experience at a solicitor's office. The experience alerted me to the importance of the legal profession in helping people and businesses to navigate life and unravel the problems it presents.

Throughout secondary school, I developed a passion for public speaking.

Engaging with questions of public policy, caused me to become increasingly curious about pursuing law in university.

Under the influence of a charismatic leaving cert economics teacher, the way that society functions and the nature of commercial activity as being at its core, began to fascinate me, however favouring my capacity for success, in less quantitative subjects, I felt led towards studying law.

In my second year of university, I discovered the intersection between law and economics through modules based on European competition law, (in which I was awarded A&L Goodbody's prize for best EU law essay 2022) and revenue law, which both grapple with the questions presented by the interactions between the law and commercial activity.

For final year, I selected optional modules in line with this interest, such as, Financial Regulation, Company Law, Contemporary issues in Corporate Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Relating this letter back to BW's programme, the firm offers a number of distinct benefits. Firstly, the breadth of experience and expertise within the firm which is practically unrivalled.

Secondly, the size of the firm, which offers opportunities across a wide spectrum of practice areas and jurisdictions.

Thirdly, the working culture displayed by the firm, which is strikingly accommodating and open minded.

Byrne Wallace, has a very recognisable brand and strong reputation, perhaps the most appealing facet of its business strategy is its high professional standards, and lack of ethical violations in spite of the extent of its history.

In short, I believe that Byrne Wallace's internship programme, presents the perfect opportunity to gain experience and build a career in commercial law, given the firm's reputation, work environment and quality of expertise across an expansive number of legal fields. I would be hugely grateful for any consideration given to this letter and I feel that I have valuable skills and a strong work ethic to contribute to the firm's success.

Yours sincerely,

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