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Dear Ciara Loftus,

As a highly motivated and enthusiastic Business and Law student in UCD, currently holding a first-class honours grade, I have a strong interest in pursuing a career in law at Byrne Wallace. I am passionate about keeping up to date on current affairs and advancements in society, and I believe that these characteristics coupled with my work ethic and determination, would be a fantastic contribution to the intern team at Byrne Wallace.

As one of the leading full-service law firms in Ireland and after extensive research and networking with numerous employees from Byrne Wallace, I believe your company supports an overall ethos and core values which best align with my own. Byrne Wallace promote an inclusive firm culture, with the unique partner-led approach creating a workplace valued on collaboration and shared learning for their interns and trainees, while developing a strong bond to their domestic and international clients. This would provide me with an unparalleled opportunity to learn one-on-one from the best colleagues which Byrne Wallace have to offer, thereby enhancing both my professional and personal development at the firm. The structure of the Summer Internship with a pipeline to a training contract appeals to me hugely, as it demonstrates the focus on career advancement and continuity in your firm, and the opportunity for me to continue working up the tiered structure present upon completion of my FE-1 examinations.

Throughout my degree, I have been particularly intrigued and I have further excelled in commercial modules, such as employment, contract and company law. This interest has recently been further developed following my research on the Gender Pay Gap in Ireland which forms the basis of my article that will be published in the UCD SLS Academic Journal 2023. I have a strong ability to identify and solve problems effectively, demonstrated by my participation in the UCD Negotiation Competition in 2021 and 2022, as both a competitor and recently as a judge. This provided me with first-hand knowledge of the theoretical yet practical aspects of corporate law, which I am fascinated by. These skills will allow me to fit in naturally to your working environment and be an asset to the intern team.

I would love to work in a fast paced, progressive career with a firm widely regarded at the top of the legal industry, thereby providing me with the best experience in gaining immersive exposure to a variety of legal practices. A firm that has a major focus on corporate responsibility and conducts considerable community projects resonated with me, as I consider community involvement the best way to feel connected to wider society. I understand that Byrne Wallace has worked with ‘Barnardos’, ‘Focus Ireland’ and conducts pro bono work with the ‘Chancery Lane Project’ on their Irish Green Lease Clause to help tackle climate change, demonstrating the firms’ compassion for community initiatives. Personally, I have volunteered for numerous organisations such as ‘Stampify’, ‘Speak’, ‘UCD Volunteer Overseas’, and I am a clinic volunteer for the ‘UCD SLS’, which involves providing free advice to students on various legal matters. This is an interest I would be keen to broaden at your firm.

Thank you for your consideration and time. I would be extremely excited about the opportunity to learn about your company and to expand my legal knowledge at your firm, and I hope you consider my application favourably.

Kind regards,

Nessa.