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Re: Summer Internship Programme

Dear Summer Internship Programme Manager,

I am a first-class honours Bachelor of Laws graduate, FE1 candidate and currently working with Ennis & Associates Solicitors as a Legal Assistant. I wish to apply for the Byrne Wallace summer internship programme.

I am hardworking, diligent and ambitious. I honed these attributes growing up playing a variety of team sports, and from having a range of client facing roles in the medical, and legal sector. Throughout my studies, I consistently maintained a part time job. I balanced my academic and employment requirements effectively, ensuring that I excelled in both areas of my life. As a result, I have already amassed a diverse range of experience, having worked in various sectors. This has led to the development of a well-rounded skill set; a skill set which is currently being fostered at Ennis & Associates Solicitors. The firm is one of the leading insurance litigation firms in Ireland and in my role as a Legal Assistant, I help manage all the departments interim court applications/motions. This involves attending court, preparing briefs for court, drafting legal applications, liaising with counsel, and carrying out fee earners instructions. Needless to say, this role has furthered my professional development in countless ways. The role is fast paced, high volume, challenging, and requires a high level of efficiency and time management. My desire to pursue a career in law has been bolstered by this demanding work environment, exposure to the novel and fast developing area of insurance law, and the practical application of personal injuries litigation.

While I thoroughly enjoy my current role in litigation, I feel like this is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of the potential exposure I could gain in a full-service law firm such as Byrne Wallace. I have a keen interest in exploring the area of employment law, and I feel that Byrne Wallace would serve as the perfect platform for me in doing so. Given that it is an area where the law had developed rapidly in recent years due to new whistleblowing laws and further attempts to eliminate gender discrimination in the workplace, the work done by Byrne Wallace in employment law is of great interest to me. The expertise in representing high-profile corporate clients at an EU and international level places the firm at the forefront of employment law in Ireland. Furthermore, the environmental and social governance initiatives undertaken resonate strongly with me and place the firm in a league above others. Corporate social responsibility is crucial to sustainability and the firm's commitment is reflected in its volunteerism in the community.

The other distinguishing feature for me about joining Byrne Wallace is the continued focus on training and professional development. Having a strong academic background to date, I am encouraged to be surrounded by people who prided themselves on academic excellence. I completed my Bachelor of Laws (Law Plus) from the University of Limerick (UL) in May 2023 and graduated with a first-class honour's degree. During my time at university, I also got the opportunity to participate in the Erasmus programme. This allowed me to spend the second semester of my penultimate year at the University of Malta where I improved my communication, language, and inter-cultural skills.

Please find attached my CV, which evidences my excellent academic record and illustrates why I am confident that I would be a great fit on the Byrne Wallace summer internship programme.

Yours sincerely,

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