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Re: Application for Summer Internship Programme at Byrne Wallace LLP

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to apply for the summer internship programme as advertised at Byrne Wallace LLP. I am a final year law student studying in Trinity College Dublin, and my interest was piqued several years ago when I began my studies and realised the law continuously changes and adapts to reflect its various applications in society. This rapid evolution in the law has distilled in me a deep ambition to further my understanding in how businesses and governmental bodies can not only keep up with, but also get ahead of these developments.

While I have a general interest in corporate law, I am particularly attracted to Byrne Wallace and your work with the not-for-profit sector in Ireland. I have come across charity law in college, and the reason I find this area of law, so captivating is because charities require specialist knowledge across multiple areas of law. It is an attractive proposition to know that in joining Byrne Wallace, I could be working with many different teams across various departments, and constantly broadening and challenging my legal knowledge of different areas of the law. Furthermore, the firm's interest in giving back to the community is attractive as a graduate with a strong social conscience, and I am interested in the firm's work in corporate social responsibility. I am particularly intrigued by the work carried out with St. Audoen's National School, and how during my career I can support this work in the community alongside my colleagues. I find this to be a particularly attractive and rewarding aspect of working for Byrne Wallace, as I have engaged in several volunteering roles both inside and outside of college in recent years.

I completed an Erasmus last year, spending a year abroad at the University of Zurich. I found this experience to be incredibly rewarding, both academically and personally. During the year, I was meeting and working with students from all around the world, which has helped me to develop my intrapersonal skills on a much greater level. I apply this skill every day to engage and collaborate with my peers in college. I believe this will also help me develop strong working relationships with my future colleagues, as well as support and encourage a diverse work experience. I have also continued to work part-time throughout my studies in various roles, and I believe the skills I have obtained, such as teamwork, collaboration, attention to detail and communication are directly transferable into a role in corporate law. This has all helped me learn how to manage my time with many competing demands, which will be highly advantageous in pursuing a career in law as it highlights my ability to organise and be efficient.

I am an outgoing individual who loves to travel, read, and play sports, in particular Gaelic football. I have coached football teams in my local club for the last number of years. This required a high level of responsibility and allowed me to develop my public speaking skills which I feel will give me further confidence as I develop my legal advocacy skills.

Thank you for taking the time out to consider my application. I would be extremely grateful to be considered for an interview for your summer internship programme, and an opportunity to share more about my experience and passion for the law in the future.

Kind Regards,
Orla Flanagan.