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Dear Ms McManus,

I am currently a postgraduate law student at Technological University Dublin, and I am writing to apply for the summer internship programme offered by Byrne Wallace. I believe that this internship will allow me to gain invaluable experience and gain an insight into the day-to-day tasks of a trainee solicitor and what life will be like. I have not taken the traditional route towards a law career and this internship will benefit me as I move forward.

I studied Criminal Justice Studies for my undergraduate degree at Waterford Institute of Technology and gained a 2.1 honours degree. During my time in Waterford, I was picked to represent my class in Heidelberg, Germany at SRH University Heidelberg for their annual International Student Week. Over the course of the week, we delivered presentations and took part in group assessments. I found the group assessments to be the most rewarding part of the week because I got the chance to work and socialise with students and teachers from over twenty universities from around the world. Now I am currently a student at Technological University Dublin studying for my postgraduate diploma in law. I am currently taking contract, tort, company, constitutional and EU law with a compulsory module, legal skills. I have also registered to sit two fe1’s in March.

I have an ambitious career goal and I hope that securing a place on the intern programme with Byrne Wallace will allow me the opportunity to train as a solicitor with the firm. I am attracted to the firm because of the Corporate Crime, Regulatory Investigations and Enforcement practice area. This interests me because I have a background in criminal justice studies. However, I am very open-minded and would benefit in any practice area. The firm has committed to a Corporate Social Responsibility Programme, something which is becoming increasingly important for businesses today. (CSR) is important to me because during my employment at Tesco I would regularly participate in in-shop events to raise money for Temple Street Hospital as I feel it is important to give back to the community. The firm encouraging interns to participate in sports and social activities shows the firm holds strong values alongside its CSR shows me that Byrne Wallace would be the best place to start my legal career.

The reason I feel I would be suited for the internship programme is I have a strong work ethic, and this is evident by working part-time during my undergraduate degree and I still working part-time while studying for my postgraduate degree. I am sitting two FE-1 Examinations in March which also demonstrates my strong work ethic. I am outgoing and possess excellent interpersonal skills person which a developed while playing soccer, rugby, Gaelic football and working. From a young age being part of teams has taught me that excellent communication, teamwork and a good work ethic are vital to succeed. I hope to demonstrate all the skills I have learned over my years playing sports, working in team environments and education during the intern programme. While I am not working or in college, I like to spend my time playing golf which I recently took up during the summer and going to the gym.

I hope to be considered for this role and I know that I have the ability and work ethic to succeed in it. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours sincerely,

Ross Fitzsimons.