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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to apply to the ByrneWallace Summer Internship Programme. I am a final year student studying law in DCU, and I am planning to peruse a career as a commercial solicitor. I am a driven, hardworking and motivated person, and I have maintained a consistently high academic record, achieving a 1.1 in first year and a high 2.1 in second year. Additionally, I have kept my class ranking of number ten out of approximately one hundred students throughout my whole degree. I possess a diverse skill set from my previous work experience, which has allowed me to develop many transferable skills, and I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to ByrneWallace's mission and embark on a journey of professional growth.

ByrneWallace stands out to me as a firm because it is one of Ireland's leading full service law firms and has a reputation for excellence. The firm's dedication to excellence is highlighted by being the only top ten law firm in Ireland with a Lexcel accreditation, which showcases its commitment to the highest standards and client service. Furthermore, I share ByrneWallace's commitment to corporate social responsibility through the firm's work with St Audoen's National School, as it closely aligns with my own core values of making a positive difference. My own experiences as a volunteer peer mentor and as a volunteer adoptions coordinator at the CDPA have instilled in me a strong sense of responsibility towards creating a positive change and fostering inclusive communities. Furthermore, I am drawn to the opportunity to work at ByrneWallace because of its global reach and presence which is exemplified by its office in New York. The firm's international footprint signifies its commitment to serving clients on a global scale and navigating the complexities of cross-border transactions. As someone with a keen interest in international law and business, I am excited about the prospect of being part of a firm that operates in a key financial centre. ByrneWallace's New York office represents a gateway to the global market, offering exposure to diverse legal matters and the chance to collaborate with colleagues and clients from different cultural backgrounds.

I first became interested in pursuing a career in law after I completed work experience in transition year in a general practice law firm. Here, I was given the opportunity to explore the various aspects of legal practice which led me to want to explore the field further. I then undertook work experience with a group of barristers in the criminal courts. Whilst I found the experience both insightful and enriching, it served as a pivotal moment in my career journey, as it helped me to decide that a career as a solicitor was what I wanted to pursue. It was during my internship in BHSM Solicitors that I decided that I wanted to pursue a career in a commercial law firm. My internship provided me with a valuable insight into what a career in a commercial law firm would look like, and I got to work with a diverse range of clients, and on a variety of matters. I especially enjoyed the client facing aspect of working in a commercial firm and I was invited to attend a client dinner with one of the firm's biggest clients. I mainly worked in commercial litigation, and I became a valuable member of the team by the end of my internship. This experience has reinforced my decision that a career in a commercial law firm aligns with my strengths and interests.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be extremely grateful to be considered for an interview for the Summer Internship Programme.

**Yours faithfully,**

Tara Collins