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Dear Sir/ Madame,

I am an International Commercial Law LLM student at UCD, and I am writing to apply for a Summer Internship with ByrneWallace. I became interested in the firm after the UCD careers fair, where I learned about the forward-thinking firm and its impressive history.

I have a strong interest in many of the firms key practice areas, in particular Data protection & privacy, Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Banking & Financial Services and White-Collar Crime. I have demonstrated this through my completion of two virtual internship programmes on forage, one of them in data protection and cyber security provided for by Clifford Chance, and the second in commercial law provided for by Matheson. I graduate from my LLM in August of 2024, and look to have completed all FE-1 examinations by the end of 2025.

After completing my undergraduate degree, I spent the year working as a data analyst at KPMG, where I worked on an AIB based banking project for a period of 8 months and then travelled South-East Asia. This gave me a basic understanding of finance and lending, along with the roles that solicitors have by constructing mortgage title deeds for customers and preparing and processing outsourced securities on behalf of the bank. Having worked in financial services helped me to recognize that I was more interested in working in legal services. I decided to pursue an LLM in International Commercial Law at UCD to further my knowledge in this area, where I have a current GPA of 3.53. I enjoyed the administrative and teamwork aspects of working in KPMG and know that this would benefit me towards my work as a solicitor.

In addition to the professional work experience I gained from KPMG, I have over five years of experience working part-time in hospitality. During my role as a bartender in The Cliff at Lyons, I have acquired a high level of responsibility expected of me as one of the experienced staff members. Some of my leadership responsibilities include training new staff on cocktail making and general bartending, completing end of day cash-up/ revenue reports, dealing with customer complaints, and a general supervisory role over the bar team.

I am confident that my ambition combined with the competencies that I have developed from my education, work experience and other activities will enable me to excel as an intern at ByrneWallace.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Tom Griffin