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To ByrneWallace Human Resource Team,

I am writing to you today to express my interest in taking part in the Summer Internship Programme within your firm, ByrneWallace LLP for the 2023 intake.

In May, I will graduate with my BCL degree after completing three years studying Law alongside Business within Maynooth University. Throughout the entirety of this degree, I have been exposed to various business and legal strategies which has led me to broaden my commercial awareness. I developed an interest for corporate law quite some time before attending university, however this interest has now intensified due to the near completion of my degree. I am particularly drawn to commercial litigation and corporate governance and the areas in which require intensive problem solving and attention to detail. I find this challenging area of law to be intriguing and satisfying.

I have been a member of the Free Legal Advice Centre Society since my first year in university. I have served as an Events Officer on the core committee throughout my second year and have consecutively been re-elected for this role in my final year. Representing this society through the various events and the responsibility to plan captivating, yet educational events has led me to further advancing my communication and organisational skills.

I have also been a member of the Law Society throughout my degree and won their Philpot Curran Moot Court Competition whilst in first year. I have since represented Maynooth University in the Johanna Airey Moot Court Competition where I ultimately won the competition with my teammate. I actively plan to participate in other moots this semester. I developed a passion for advocacy whilst competing within these competitions and this has allowed me to become confident within my research and drafting capabilities.

In addition, I am a strong team player, and I am highly motivated to pursue a career within commercial law. I was previously elected team captain of my local Gaelic team, which allowed me to experience leading a team comprised with various skill levels. I assumed responsibility for the training and motivation of my teammates which led me to establish basic leadership skills. This experience effectively prepared me within my current role within Centra. I was promoted to a senior member of staff within one year of employment and over the summer period I was solely responsible for assiduously training new staff members. I am now required to take initiative whilst fulfilling a position of management at the weekends. My work as a deli assistant has enabled me to create interpersonal relationships with customers and refine my skills in time management and working within a fast-paced environment. Intensive customer contact allowed me to improve my advocacy and negotiation skills enormously.

I am confident that my academic achievements, combined with my enthusiasm and dedication, would make me an asset to your firm. ByrneWallace LLP is particularly appealing to me because of its progressive nature. I believe that your firm would provide me with an excellent opportunity to immerse myself within a diverse legal setting and to further expand my skill set. I am seeking a position that will enable me to augment both my legal and business interests. I understand that your firm exposes interns to one core area of practice in an adapted learning environment, providing valuable opportunities. The ethos of delivering high quality solutions that embrace technology is one I admire, and I appreciate this opportunity to join such an intern team.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.