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Beth Onslow  
HR Administrator  
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Dear Ms. Onslow

I am a recent graduate holding a 2:1 degree in law from the University of Limerick. I am writing in order to apply for a position on ByrneWallace's Summer Intern Programme. I became aware of your firm while studying at university and while working in a neighbouring law firm. An ex-classmate of mine, who has spent time working in ByrneWallace, suggested that I apply for your firm's Summer Internship Programme in order to gain experience working in one of Ireland's largest law firms. I hope that this letter of application adequately demonstrates my interest in being offered an opportunity to gain valuable experience at ByrneWallace.

I became interested in law and the manner in which it interacts with society when completing a work placement with An Garda Síochána in secondary school. As Ireland's financial situation worsened, and I increasingly heard phrases such as receivership and liquidation in my hometown, I became interested in the manner in which the law interacts with the economy and the business world.

While at university I became particularly interested in the interaction between business and the law in areas such as labour law and company law. I nonetheless sought to gain experience in as wide a variety of law as possible while studying at university. I therefore completed a variety of internships in areas such as Irish criminal law and Chinese labour law. I also volunteered to spend one semester studying European Union law in the Netherlands.

My exposure to the legal profession has illustrated to me the important role that lawyers play for their clients, often acting not only as legal counsel, but also as trusted business advisors. I wish to pursue a career in which I will develop skills that will allow me to support and protect my client's interests.

Additionally, while working in a firm in China that sought to cater towards Western businesses that aimed to expand into the Chinese market, I witnessed first-hand the important role that lawyers play in the facilitation of global commerce. I recognise that foreign direct investment is playing a significant role in Ireland's economic development and that Irish lawyers subsequently play an important role in facilitating the legal needs of international companies. I am therefore eager to pursue a career that plays a pivotal role in this country's economic resurgence. I see an opportunity to work at a firm such as ByrneWallace, a firm with an established national and international reputation, as an opportunity to gain invaluable experience working with leading national and international clients.

I am determined to pursue a career as a solicitor. I am therefore eager to gain as much experience as possible in a leading corporate law firm such as ByrneWallace. I have no doubt that working in a firm such as ByrneWallace, which places an emphasis on innovation and results, will aid both my professional and personal development.

My ultimate objective is to obtain a traineeship with a leading firm. Therefore, over the course of an internship at ByrneWallace, I would seek to demonstrate that I possess the skills and ability to be considered worthy of a traineeship interview. I would also seek to demonstrate that my own values are in line with that of the firm, and that I am able to integrate with the culture and vision of the firm and its people.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this application. In the event that you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Coen