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**To whom it concerns,**

My name is Aisling Brennan, and I am writing to you to apply for the 2018 Summer Internship Programme in ByrneWallace. I heard a lot about the programme from speaking to trainees at the University College Dublin Law Careers Fair, and from my previous work experience in the employment department of the firm. I am a third year Law with Politics Student in UCD, and am currently studying abroad for a semester in the King Hall School of Law at the University of California, Davis.

Throughout my studies, and my exchange thus far, it has become clear to me that my strengths lie in the area of corporate law. I believe that a role in ByrneWallace is the optimal way for me to glean this experience in a progressive and collaborative environment, through the tailored learning programme and collaborative ethos of the firm.

I believe my goals are aligned with the innovative and client-centred objectives of ByrneWallace. I have developed outstanding communication and partnership skills from my involvement in college debating, and as a member of several student society committees in UCD. I have fostered a strong work ethic and desire to provide the utmost client satisfaction from my time working in Miss Selfridge and Malahide Tennis Club. These qualities and skills, I believe, make me a suitable candidate for the 2018 Summer Internship Programme.

In my time as a law student I have taken every opportunity to immerse myself in the legal world, choosing modules that will be of benefit to me in a practical legal setting, such as Company Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution, even opting to take part in a Prison Law Clinic while studying in California. The unique, hands on experience of working in the Clinic is reaffirming my passion for the law, showing me how widespread the effect of law truly is.

I have learned essential legal skills in research and practical application of the law that most people don't have the opportunity to learn in university. I believe that the invaluable practical and people skills that I have developed from this clinic, and the experience of practising law in different jurisdiction, will prepare me to follow a fast paced, international corporate career such as that offered by ByrneWallace.

I am certain that I want a practical career in law, and my previous experiences in ByrneWallace and the A&L Goodbody Lawstart day have assured me that I am well suited to corporate law, as I have found that the complexities and every day presence of commercial law fascinating. I am hoping that a role in ByrneWallace will allow me to further develop my understanding and knowledge of corporate law, learning from industry leading experts.

The reputation of ByrneWallace is impressive, and the array of legal services offered demonstrates absolute commitment to client services and responsiveness. I am particularly interested in the dispute resolution services, having begun a course in ADR while on exchange, as well as mergers and acquisitions, and financial services. Being the only Irish firm with ISO 27001 certification, alongside the series of awards commending the firm’s commitment to client services, demonstrates that ByrneWallace takes their clients security and interests seriously. With the recent increase in data protection regulation in Ireland, having the certification since 2016 demonstrates the firm’s forward thinking and commitment to constant progression.

The firm’s collaborative environment, broad legal knowledge and focus on client support has hugely influenced my decision to apply to ByrneWallace. Having had my skills and work ethic put to the test, in both my part-time employments, academically and through my extensive extra-curricular involvement in UCD, I can appreciate the high standard of work ethic required to succeed in the legal profession, and would be honoured to be invited into this dedicated legal team.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I am available at the email address or phone number provided above if you require any more information from me, and I look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,

Aisling Brennan