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I am writing to apply for the Summer Intern Programme at ByrneWallace.

Having studied law for the last four years, I am eager to immerse myself in an environment where I can gain first-hand experience in a thriving legal setting.

The team spirit endorsed by ByrneWallace attracts me to this firm. From a young age I have valued the importance of asking questions as a mode of learning from others. I would therefore be extremely grateful to work alongside and learn from the expert lawyers at ByrneWallace.

ByrneWallace’s wide-ranging areas of expertise is a key reason why I want to complete this internship. Whilst my passion for the law is closely affixed to human rights, I am also passionate about areas of corporate law such as Company Law, Environmental Law and Employment Law.

My study of Company Law was during a momentous time in 2015 with the Companies Act 2014 just having come into effect. This is an area of practice which I would love the opportunity to further understand and gain exposure to on a daily basis. Equally, I enjoyed the intersection between Contract Law with Employment Law and was intrigued by the protection of employees’ rights, following the transfer of an undertakings and under the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997.

ByrneWallace’s ‘Guide to Preparing for Brexit’ astutely addresses this contentious issue. As an Irish citizen with my home residence in Northern Ireland, it is pertinent that I further my understanding of its implications across both jurisdictions. I firmly believe that an internship with ByrneWallace would be unparalleled; providing the opportunity to gain exposure to areas of the law beyond the remit of my degree.

ByrneWallace’s commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility is concurrent with my passion for social justice. My recent study of Public Interest Law emphasised the dependency of non-profit organisations on partnerships with commercial firms such as ByrneWallace, who are exemplary in this regard. For instance, ByrneWallace’s working placements from St John of God is emblematic of community lawyering.

A further reason why I want to complete this internship is to gain direction for my future career in law. I am certain that I want to practice law however I remain undecided on whether I want to become a solicitor or a barrister. This experience would provide me with an invaluable opportunity to explore my options with an open mind and to shape my decisions for the future.

Lastly, I believe that I can contribute to ByrneWallace as a highly motivated, outgoing and resilient individual, with a critical perspective facilitated by my unique study of Law with a minor in Social Justice Studies. I have balanced part-time work and study, therefore a fast-paced environment; working under pressure and towards deadlines, would not phase me. I have acquired a range of skills adaptable to any work environment through previous employment and therefore would be enthusiastic to undertake a new set of duties, especially in a workplace closely related to my long-term career interests.

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

Yours faithfully,

Aoife Grugan.