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Application to the 2017 Summer Intern Programme

Dear Beth Onslow,

Studying the Master European Law School at the University of Groningen, the courses I participate in prepare me to start a career in international business law. By applying to the 2017 Summer Internship Programme of ByrneWallace I aim to pursue my career in a challenging and international environment.

I am deeply attracted to ByrneWallace's forward thinking approach and its dedication to provide its clients with the best legal services possible. I believe that being part of an international business environment and the chance to collaborate with people from all sorts of cultural backgrounds is the best way to achieve this goal. Also, ByrneWallace's diversity of expertise that covers all major areas of law caught my interest. Furthermore, excellence and integrity are important values to your law firm. All of which I believe are essential for an efficient workplace.

As for my qualifications, my master degree programme prepares me for all aspects of international business and corporate law. I have already started writing on my master's thesis in which cross-border mergers are the central topic. Thanks to my studies I not only gained extensive knowledge on international business and corporate law but I also have become proficient in the use of relevant research methods for online legal databases. In addition I am very competent with respect to multicultural interactions by the various periods I studied and worked abroad.

My academic background and the qualities I subsequently gained have helped me considerably during my internship at an internationally orientated law firm in The Hague. During this internship I dealt with legal issues governed by different jurisdictions, mainly the Dutch, German, French and Taiwanese jurisdictions and developed my qualitative capacities by meeting clients and attend conference calls. At this moment I conduct an internship at the Corporate Transactions practice group of the internationally renowned law firm Allen & Overy LLP in Amsterdam. As part of this internship I am involved in numerous global, cross-border transactions. This experience allows me to assist a great variety of companies across all kinds of sectors in their legal issues. Also, in March and April of this year, I will conduct an internship at the Corporate and Commercial practice group of the law firm HVG in Amsterdam which is part of EY law.

An internship within ByrneWallace will allow me to step out of my comfort zone and broaden my international work experience in the legal field of cross-border transactions. Moreover, I think that as a law student it is fundamental to my development experience working in a common law jurisdiction and also to discover working with people from different cultural and international backgrounds. This is why I am applying to an internship at ByrneWallace as it is an excellent way for me to get to know your law firm and I am convinced that ByrneWallace can offer me a dynamic and interesting working environment.

As a person I have the capacity to bring things into perspective and act from a basis of common sense. I am a flexible and open-minded person which is underlined by the extensive times I've spent abroad. Consequently, I have developed strong communicative skills and have the ability to connect easily with new people.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application and I hope you have become as enthusiastic as I am. I'm looking forward to a personal meeting in which I can further explain and confirm why I match with ByrneWallace.

Yours sincerely,
Boyd Postema
