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To whom it may concern,

My name is Brian Poland and I am writing to you to apply for a position on the ByrneWallace’s Internship Programme. Please find enclosed a copy of my CV for your review.

I am a final year honours student of Business and Law at University College Dublin, aiming to graduate with a first class honours degree and I intend on pursuing a career in corporate law. I believe that my degree has provided me with good preparation for a career in ByrneWallace with my combined experiences of both business and the law. Given its heavy workload, I have had exposure to working in a competitive and high-pressured environment. Through business and legal orientated projects and presentations, I have developed my naturally strong reading, writing and analytical skills as well as teamwork and communication skills both with lecturers and peers.

ByrneWallace’s work-life balance really appeals to me; the idea that you can enjoy life outside of the office just as much as results achieved within the office. My interest in sport, particularly in golf, is evidenced by my role as Junior Golf Captain for 2017. As captain, I represented the entire junior section of Elm Park Golf Club. In order to get recognition for junior issues at a senior level, I had to make a strong, persuasive case on behalf of my peers. I believe that I demonstrated real leadership qualities and achieved excellent results representing the largest junior section in Ireland, with over 300 junior members.

I have been able to develop good interpersonal skills though my involvement in University life outside of academics. I was elected the Second-Year Representative to the Commerce and Economics Society. In this role, I was responsible for getting second year students involved in the various events throughout the year. I was also chosen to become a Peer Mentor after an interview and application process. I was responsible for the seamless integration of ten incoming Business and Law students to college life. My approachable, friendly nature is demonstrated by my involvement in these respective activities.

I am particularly drawn to ByrneWallace’s international focus with its offices in New York. I am extremely keen to gain experience of cultures outside of Ireland. I was chosen to represent UCD abroad in the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma, as part of an exchange programme. This was based on a competitive application and interview process. I am currently studying in Tulsa for the Spring 2018 semester, where I am gaining practical experience of the legal system in the United States through the colleges comprehensive work experience based classes. My passion for travelling has manifested itself during my Summer holidays away from college, where I have travelled around Europe and South-East Asia. Travel has broadened my social, intellectual and cultural education, while also serving as a catalyst for increased independence, maturity and self-confidence.

Being a corporate lawyer is incredibly appealing to me due to its challenging, yet rewarding, nature. I am particularly interested in litigation. I would be very interested in the opportunity to work in ByrneWallace’s pre-eminent Litigation department. There is huge satisfaction to be found in working one-on-one with a client but also in being a part of, and representing, an Irish law firm like ByrneWallace. ByrneWallace is a leader in the provision of legal services around information security management, something that is becoming more important in modern society. ByrneWallace is the one of the fastest growing firms in the country. The opportunity of learning, through emersion, from the country’s top associates and partners is an invaluable experience. An internship in ByrneWallace would be both intellectually challenging and stimulating. I am confident this experience would solidify my current desire to become a corporate solicitor.

ByrneWallace prides itself on expert lawyers who are focused on supporting, protecting and promoting client interests; key values I can relate to and develop on. Given my high level of ambition and real enthusiasm, I believe I would adapt seamlessly in to ByrneWallace philosophy and culture and prove to be an asset to the firm.

Thank you for giving my application your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Brian Poland.