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Dear Sir/Madam,

Summer Internship Programme,

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I am writing in relation to the Summer Internship programme in Byrne Wallace. I believe that I would be suited to this programme and I would be excited to have the opportunity to experience working in a law firm of the reputation of Byrne Wallace.

I have achieved highly academically and demonstrated commitment to my studies by achieving a II.I consistently in my degree and also by opting to take the optional Trinity College scholarship exams in my second year, in which I achieved an overall mark of 68. I have also continued my interest in law through my extra-curricular activities with the Trinity College Law Review. I feel that this role equipped me with some of the necessary skills that are required in a law firm such as Byrne Wallace as it improved my analytical and writing skills as well as introducing me to new areas of law and legal issues. I also took part in the FLAC moot court competition last year which was very enjoyable as I experienced preparing an argument and presenting it in a court type setting.

In my opinion my work experience to date has prepared me for a company such as Byrne Wallace. I have worked in fast paced environments in which team work is crucial, which I know is an important part of working in a solicitor’s firm. My work experience in Tughan’s solicitors gave me invaluable experience as I had the opportunity to perform the tasks of trainee solicitors. I believe that this will enable me to quickly adapt to the internship programme, enabling me to make the most of the opportunity.

Outside of law, my other main interests include History and Politics. I was awarded first place in both of these subjects at A level in school. Last April I was elected to the National Executive of Fianna Fáil on my first attempt, which is responsible for the running of the organisation. The election coincided with my examination period, demonstrating my ability to manage my time effectively between different projects, a skill which I understand to be crucial as a trainee solicitor. I am also Northern Organiser for Ógra Fianna Fáil and I was on the welfare team for Trinity College’s halls of residence. I am also trained as a peer mentor in College, which involves acting as a mentor for first year law students and I believe that these activities broadened my college experience beyond my course and improved my communication skills.

Another of my main hobbies is reading. I particularly enjoy reading about Irish and American History. I also enjoy reading other literature, particularly the work of Dickens, J.K Rowling and Tolstoy.

I thoroughly enjoy my course and I would be delighted to have the opportunity to work for Byrne Wallace and experience applying my studies in practice. I believe that both my academic achievements and my extra-curricular activities demonstrate my capability and suitability for this programme. I believe that Byrne Wallace’s reputation and the fact that it is one of the largest law firms in Ireland means that I will experience an interesting and dynamic workplace with a wide variety of cases as well as the opportunity to work with some of the most capable people in law in Ireland. I have talked to people who have completed this programme and they have spoken very highly of both the firm and the personnel, in terms of the encouragement and feedback received, and the programme itself and the interesting experiences it provided. This motivated me to research the firm and also to apply to the programme as I believe that Byrne Wallace is the ideal place in which to experience the life of a trainee solicitor.

I hope the above information and my attached CV have been useful and I look forward to hearing your decision.

Yours sincerely,

Briege Mac Oscar