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To Whom It May Concern

I should like to apply for the internship opportunity at Byrne Wallace Solicitors.

I have just graduated from DCU’s Bachelor of Civil Law programme, with a 2:1 degree. In my spare time when I am not studying, I like to jog at least three times a week for my mental and physical health. I have completed the ‘VHI Mini Marathon’ twice in 2016 and 2018, completing the race in within the first hour. I am now in training for my first half marathon, which I will participate in this year. I also enjoyed fencing, which I trained for twice a week when I was in DCU, it was a fantastic way to keep fit and meet new people from DCU. I also play tennis once a week in my local club, I have been playing since I was a child and have been lucky enough to win back-to-back doubles titles when I was in secondary school.

I think it would be great experience to be an intern at Byrne Wallace Solicitors and see what it is like on a day to day basis. I would like to experience what I study in university in a real-world situation. I have interned at a law firm before however, I would like to be challenged even more on a day to day basis in the firm as it would most definitely help me in my personal development as a law student and in my career. Also, the opportunity to be able to talk and work with management and partners would be a great opportunity to see why they chose Byrne Wallace Solicitors over any other law firm in Dublin.

 I am also interested in being part of a ‘home grown’ law firm. In the globalised world we live in today it is great to see a domestic firm doing great things domestically and internationally especially in the USA and Australasia. I would also like to become an intern at Byrne Wallace because of the calibre of the clients they work with on a daily basis.

I have a big interest in politics, foreign affairs and travel too, which involves me reading and watching the news every day. This interest foreign affairs and other countries led me and my friends to interrail last summer for three and a half weeks across Europe. I also travelled to Canada this summer for ten weeks to work as a camp councillor in a sleep away camp in North Ontario. I have also visited parts of South East Asia and Africa. Reading is also very important to me, which means I am never not reading a book, be it fiction or non-fiction, reading was crucial for me achieving a A2 grade in Higher level English for the Leaving Certificate.

 My part-time job is working as a featured extra/extra on television and film sets this has been very interesting and exciting as it shows me all the work that goes on behind scenes in these various productions. It has also shown me that hard work, dedication and perseverance is only way to succeed in your chosen career (we can be on set for up to twelve hours). I have worked on productions such as ‘Fair City’, ‘Red Rock’, ‘Striking Out’ starring Amy Huberman, ‘Into the Badlands’ (American production) and Neil Jordan’s new film ‘The Widow’ and ‘A Girl from Mogidishu’ (Irish independent film).

I try to give back as much as I can and I volunteered at the CRC (Central Remedial Clinic) in summer 2016 for a week. This involved me playing and looking after children who were physically or neurologically disabled or both. It really put my life in perspective and that I should not take my health for granted and that I should recognise my privilege. I also volunteered with AsIAm (the Autism Charity) when they came to DCU last year. This involved manning different stations all over the Helix, which had games, that showed people what it was like to have Autism or Aspergers. I really enjoyed giving back and educating the DCU community on the behavioural condition of Autism, as many people know what Autism is, but have not experienced or accepted it.

 I have also volunteered at the DCU FLAC clinics from 2016-2017 and hopefully I will pick this up again. It has put us in real world situations with the knowledge we have learned from our lectures, tutorials and study. I think it important to give back to people who might not necessarily have the financial means to get advice from a solicitor. I also was a chosen volunteer in my last semester in DCU to teach English through storytelling to asylum seekers and refugees from Mosney Direct Provision Centre once a week for two hours for twelve weeks. Volunteering is something close to my heart and really enjoy and thus I am also interested in Byrne Wallace corporate social responsibility programmes.

 I am a hardworking, determined, ambitious, outgoing young graduate, with a lot to offer and who would be very grateful for a chance to be an intern at Byrne Wallace.

Sincerely,

Camille Sako