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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Cathal Keane. I’m a final year Law with Politics student at University College Dublin. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to take part in the ByrneWallace Summer Intern programme this summer, as working for one of the largest law firms in the country would be an invaluable experience for me.

I am currently pondering a career as a solicitor, and thus wish to gain some real life experience working in an esteemed law firm. The practice area that interests me the most is intellectual property law. I studied at the University of Miami for a semester in 2018 through UCD’s international exchange programme. There, I took a number of intriguing classes on sports law taught by experts in the industry. These classes really piqued my interest in that area of the law, as well as the variety of issues that arise in the sports world. My classes in Miami were primarily centred on intellectual property, collective bargaining and athlete-agent relations. I subsequently took an intellectual property class in UCD this past semester, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

As for my interests and skills, I consider myself quite a skilled writer. I set up my own blog writing about American football in 2017 (cleanroutes.com), and I now write for USA Today. I am determined, hard-working and disciplined in seeking to complete tasks and achieving my goal. I believe an example of that is the path that I have taken in my writing endeavours. Back in school, I strived to improve my writing skills. Since then, I have interned with one of the top sports journalists in the country, set up my own blog, and now write about sports for USA Today.

I also hosted an American football radio show on Belfield FM (UCD’s student radio station), which has since developed into a podcast (Cover Zero Podcast). I'm active in promoting my work on social media, and I built up a following of over 9,000 people on my radio show's Facebook page (NFL TALK).

In case I haven’t made it clear enough, I’m deeply passionate about sports. I have played hurling for Kilmacud Crokes since age six, and have been a member of the Dublin Rebels American football club since 2014. Most of my free time is spent reading, writing or playing sports.

Overall, the experience of working as an intern with ByrneWallace would be an invaluable one for me as I consider my potential career path post-graduation. I would love the opportunity to experience the life of a solicitor in Dublin.

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

Sincerely,

Cathal Keane