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To whom it concerns,

I am delighted to apply for the ByrneWallace Summer Internship Programme 2016. I am a third year UCD Law with Economics Student and am currently on a year-long international exchange at the University of Minnesota Law School. I am fully aware of how competitive the current job market is for law students seeking internships but I believe that I possess the key skills that ByrneWallace looks for in its applicants and therefore feel that I am a strong candidate for this internship position.

Firstly, ByrneWallace always seeks to look after its clients in the best possible way through providing exceptional legal service. Therefore an excellent academic record is essential to this position and I believe that I have this as I currently have a high 2:1 grade from my two and a half years of University so far. I believe that I could provide sensible and commercial legal advice to clients of the firm. I have extensive commercial experience from working in retail for SPAR from 2014 to 2015 to working for the multinational company Standard Life in the summer of 2013. I also have plenty of legal experience through working alongside Minnesota District Court Judge Jacqueline Regis for 4 months this year as well as working in a solicitor's office for two summers in 2011 and 2012.

Secondly ByrneWallace is the only top ten law firm in Ireland to obtain the Lexcel Standard of Excellence Accreditation due to its high standards client care, quality and business management. While working for Judge Regis, I have learned the importance of providing the highest standards and quality to her, to best help her decide cases before the court. I believe that I could take this attention to detail that I have learned through this experience and apply it to ByrneWallace, where attention to detail is clearly such an inherent characteristic of the firm, given its accreditation.

Thirdly, ByrneWallace is a firm with a global outlook and therefore has built up links with Australia and the United States where it now does a lot of its business. I feel therefore that my experience of studying law abroad in the United States for a year and having knowledge of the law in both the American and Irish jurisdictions would make me a valuable intern at ByrneWallace given the amount of work it now carries out with America.

Lastly, ByrneWallace goes beyond just being a law firm in its constant striving to improve its corporate social responsibility. Its support of charities such as Breast Cancer Ireland, The Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and the Special Olympics to name a few, takes that extra step in going beyond merely competing in the cut-throat world of law. It defines the firm's moral compass, and this is why ByrneWallace stood out for me as a firm. I have always looked to give back while studying, be it in University or in secondary school and so I believe that my moral values are heavily aligned with those of ByrneWallace.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please note that because I am in Minnesota until mid-May, should I be considered for interview, I am only available for interview through Skype or some similar mode of video communication. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Ciarán Sweeney