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Object : Internship programme application

To whom it may concern,

I am currently a postgraduate student at Trinity College Dublin (TCD) enrolled in the International and Comparative Law LLM Program and I am interested in an internship with Byrne Wallace in Dublin.

Over the last few months, I had several opportunities to learn more about your firm. I first exchanged with trainees at the NUIG's Law Fair in 2018 as well as in October and January at the TCD's Law Fair in 2019/2020. I also had the opportunity to discuss with former summer interns. To hear about their experiences as interns encouraged me to apply for your summer internship programme. I really felt like being an Byrne Wallace intern was not only about observing and learning but also about being able to bring your own contribution. I think that this way of including interns in projects helps in the understanding of lawyer's work and demonstrate the consideration interns are given within the firm. Being a summer intern within Byrne Wallace offices' is the ideal first step in achieving my final objective that is to qualify as a solicitor in Ireland.

I completed my undergraduate both in France and in Ireland. I started my studies at Gustave Eiffel High School (Bordeaux), in a *Classe préparatoire aux Grandes Ecoles* (Law and Economic matters). This prestigious multidisciplinary class prepares for a Master Degree in *Grandes Ecoles*. Simultaneously, I graduated with a *Diplome d'études universitaires générales* in Law from Bordeaux's University School of Law.

Last year, I attended my third year of law as an Erasmus student at the National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG) and then graduated with a *Licence en Droit* from Bordeaux's University School of Law with 2.1 honors.

I decided to study Law because I want to understand the grounds of our societies and how the world works from a particular perspective. Laws are very special instruments of regulation and control. Therefore, they need to be specific and in adequacy with every area they are related to. I consider Corporate Law to be one of the most important area of Law today as our world is constantly growing and the link between Law and Business is getting stronger. There is a real need in helping any client stay competitive while ensuring that Laws and markets are respected.

I have a particular interest for European Union Law and Antitrust and Competition Law. Understanding the functioning of the Union from an institutional and practical perspective is necessary to work efficiently. During my two years of *Classe Préparatoire*, I studied economics and an important part of my course focused on the European Union economy. This really helped me to understand issues and how they can be solved.

Nonetheless, I would be very interested to work in different departments. It would give me the opportunity to deepen my knowledge and get much more than an introduction to the practise of Law in a leading Irish Law firm.

I have now a French and Irish background and I believe it already helps me a lot in the understanding of Law. I can put my knowledge in perspective and get a comparative analysis of what I learned in not only two different countries but two different judicial systems still members of the same European Union.

During my education, extracurricular activities have always been important. I am currently member of the Human Rights Clinic set up for LL.M Students of Trinity College. We are working, as a team, on a project in aid of travellers' community in close collaboration with FLAC Ireland. This experience has already allowed me to apply core legal skills while developing my knowledge and my skills through a practical experience. Therefore, an internship within your teams would allow me to pursue this type of work by being involved in Pro-Bono cases.

I recently took part of the Senior Mock Trial organised by the Trinity College Law Soc. The overall experience was very rewarding as I got the opportunity to have a first experience similar to situation lawyers are facing in Court. I had the chance to practice the lawyering techniques in a Common Law system which is different from the Civil Law one. I enjoyed the challenge, being part of a team and benefit a lot from the experience.

Sport is also very important to stabilise my lifestyle. I used to be a swimmer and last year I joined the NUIG rowing club. I discovered a new sport that necessitates motivation, perseverance and team spirit. I enjoyed the experience as I kept rowing

with Trinity for the first semester. My main sportive objective this year is to run a semi-marathon. This requires me to stay focused and to follow a strict training programme so to reach my goal.

Hard-Worker, curious, ambitious and team-player could define me. I am used to dealing with a massive quantity of work and I have the strong desire to take initiative in the right circumstance. I make it a point of honor to always act with integrity. This cannot, in my opinion, come without honesty and this makes a work valuable. My previous experience has provided me the capacity to easily adapt myself to a new environment and to be well-rounded there.

Considering that Byrne Wallace is a progressive law firm, working within your teams would be the best opportunity to learn from experts lawyers and acquire a professional mindset in Corporate Law.

It would be a honor to be part of the Byrne Wallace Internship programme.

Thank you for considering my application,

For further information, please, feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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