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Dear Manager of the Summer Internship Programme,

My name is Edwina and I am a Final Year Law and Business UCC student seeking a place on the Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Programme 2020.

When I began to seriously consider my legal career in the penultimate year of my law and business degree, I knew from the outset that I wanted to be a part of a law firm that was distinct. Following much research, I realised that ByrneWallace is an innovative, forward thinking law firm which is paving the way in terms of international accreditations and certifications. It is overt that ByrneWallace is set to continue to expand and succeed with a vision to trailblaze in the use of the latest technologies. Additionally, as ByrneWallace is recognised as being of Irelands premier technology law firms, it is of particular interest to me personally as I completed a Privacy and Data Protection Law module this year and it has proven to be an area that I would certainly like to explore further. The latter is just one example of why I would be privileged to get the opportunity to intern in ByrneWallace, and the stellar reputation that is realised by both colleagues and clients of the Firm alike illuminates the fact that ByrneWallace is not only an all-rounder, but also is an organisation where one would receive an excellent legal training.

I believe I am a good candidate for the ByrneWallace Summer Internship Programme as I am a hardworking and driven individual. I am no stranger to a fast-paced working environment, and I thrive under pressure. I enjoy working in collaboration with other individuals in both academics and in my part-time job. I am employed in one of Irelands leading country estates, Mount Juliet, as a Food and Beverage Assistant. This role is challenging, although interesting and has taught me patience, perseverance and how to deliver a five-star customer experience in every circumstance. I perform to the very best of my ability and I respond to every client issue without hesitation, with an entrepreneurial spirit that does not go unnoticed.

I have undertaken relevant legal work experience in the past, in both William Fry and a smaller practice in the UK. Both experiences have allowed me to experience all aspects of life as a lawyer and I can now say I am committed to this career wholly. I aspire to sit the FE-1 exam soon.

Finally, I have volunteered in the past in various initiatives to encourage disadvantaged students to progress to third level. ByrneWallace has an excellent corporate social responsibility programme and the fact that recently, the Firm won Best Community Project for its work with SOLAS verified for me that ByrneWallace is a firm with shared values and a vision similar to mine.

I would delight in the opportunity to prove myself as a worthy candidate for the Summer Internship Programme, and I thank you in advance for considering my application.

Kind regards,

Edwina Kelly