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To whom this may concern,

I am a Bachelor of Corporate Law (International) graduate of NUIGalway and additionally hold a postgraduate LLB degree from NUIGalway. I am seeking a summer internship at ByrneWallace. I have just completed a traineeship in the European Parliament, in the Office of the First Vice-President, from 2018-2019. My work included various areas of law, including EU law, Brexit, the Medical Device Regulations (EU) 2017/745 and (EU) 2017/746 and cross-border trade. In researching a firm that was the correct fit for me, I instantly took an interest in ByrneWallace due to your practice areas, as I have a passion for corporate law and I am eager to gain an insight into a in a top-tier commercial law firm. I am also seeking an internship in a forward-thinking law firm, which offers excellence in practice management and teamworking activities such as that offered by ByrneWallace.

Exposure to one of the most powerful European bodies has proven to be an invaluable experience for me both personally and professionally. My work at the European Parliament has given me the opportunity to acquire a useful skill set, having been at the forefront of EU legislation. The variety and calibre of my work in the European Parliament has prepared me for a life as a solicitor. The skills I acquired vary from personal engagement with constituents to professionalism with EU-leaders, drafting legislative amendments, EU policy enactment, teamwork, and time management to meet pressing EU deadlines. My liaising with the Irish Government, Irish Ministers and Irish constituents required me to understand both their professional and business needs and to deliver effective and efficient results. At ByrneWallace the CSR policy promotes opportunities to meet and exceed the expectations of clients, employees and other stakeholders beyond normal statutory and business obligations. ByrneWallace is a firm that centres its core values around the needs and relationships with their clients, and in doing so provides admirable values, proving to be a firm that I would be proud to work for.

My work on EU committees has equipped me with legal knowledge in both an Irish and European sphere. The in-depth research and knowledge required for drafting legislative amendments for plenary and the responsibility required to produce concise documents for the Vice-President has equipped me with an excellent work ethic. I have acquired both excellent verbal and written skills in briefing the Vice-President on various policy areas. One of the most rewarding aspects of the job was the valuable experience working with team McGuinness, which has now prepared me for working in teams in a professional manner.

The experience I have gained in researching Brexit, the Irish border issue and cross-border trade has been invaluable and has enabled me to be at the forefront of international negotiations between the EU 27 and the United Kingdom. ByrneWallace has established a dedicated multi-disciplinary team to advise and represent both Irish and international clients on the possible legal and regulatory implications of Brexit. My experience and work with the EU-leaders that are liaising with the United Kingdom is invaluable and would be an excellent addition to your team. It has also enabled me to acquire extensive knowledge on Brexit, the consequences Ireland faces and the future adjustments. ByrneWallace also has a highly experienced EU, Competition and Regulated Markets Group in advising clients across a broad range of sectors on all aspects of competition law. In having worked in EU law this proves to be an excellent fit to a firm that combines my interest in both commercial and EU law. Additionally, having completed a five-month clinical placement and a summer internship in two solicitor firms, I acquired excellent researching and legal writing skills on a variety of matters. My past legal experiences prove to be an excellent and useful fit to your internship programme.

In choosing the correct firm for my internship, there were certain criteria that I was looking to satisfy. ByrneWallace satisfied my list by governing my areas of interest. Firstly, having obtained an International Corporate Law degree, it has been my passion to pursue a corporate law career. My passion for corporate law began in transition year when I has the option of competing in a moot court. Following my decision to purse my corporate law studies, my Erasmus year in Germany allowed me to study International and European Business law to get an alternative perspective. I am passionate about the law, and have the drive for business. I have an excellent commercial awareness and I believe that the ByrneWallace internship programme is the correct firm for me to showcase my useful skill set.

Secondly, having taken Banking law as a yearlong module, it gave me an insight into the banking culture and as one of Ireland's most experienced Banking & Finance practices, it provides a useful platform to learning from the best. I produced two concise papers detailing the cause of the 2008-banking crisis in Ireland, the lack of proper regulation and the need for radical reform to the banking system. I took a keen interest in banking law and have had exposure to various cases over my legal experiences.

Thirdly, having studied Health and Safety law over the course of my studies, I extensively examined the various legislation governing the area including PIAB, Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and the range of legislation governing work place and personal accidents. ByrneWallace facilitates on all aspects of health and safety law including both statutory and common law obligations through its cross departmental team. I have no doubt that it would be a mutually beneficial partnership, where I can learn and receive top-class mentoring as well as gain exposure to interesting and challenging legal and business issues.

Fourthly, I was seeking a firm which not only had excellent professional abilities, but a firm that had core values and showcased teamwork, encourage innovation and provided evidence of passionate and strong relationships with their clients. ByrneWallace has excellent values and this speaks volume to the calibre of people employed in both a professional and personal aspect. I admire the ethics of the firm and would no doubt fit in with the dynamics of the firm.

I have enclosed a résumé for your attention. I look forward to having the opportunity to speak with you. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

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