**Byrne Wallace covering letter**

My name is Elanna Dunleavy and I would like to apply for your summer internship programme at Byrne Wallace. I am a recent Business and Law graduate, achieving a 1st class honours in my degree. I am currently studying for the FE1 exams, having sat and passed three of them in October.

At this moment in time, an opportunity to work within a firm such as Byrne Wallace would be invaluable to me, providing me with a practical insight into the legal sector. The well-established reputation and wide range of expertise of Byrne Wallace made the firm immediately stand out to me. Having studied both Business and Law, I have both a commercial awareness and knowledge of the law, consequently the expertise of Byrne Wallace appeal to me. I studied M &A throughout my undergraduate degree and would love to learn more about the legal ramifications behind these business decisions. For these reasons I believe an internship at your firm would expose me to an expansive level and range of knowledge and skills, which would be hugely beneficial for me at this time.

It is evident that your firm responds to and pre-empts changes in the wider business environment and is not afraid to challenge the status-quo. I am particularly interested in your expertise within Intellectual property law and EU competition law. I completed an applied project on the potential anti-competitive use of IP, specifically patents in the European pharmaceutical industry, during the course of my final year. I found the research process extremely fascinating and rewarding and I am very keen to advance my knowledge further within this area.

I would really appreciate the opportunity to join your Summer Intern programme. Although Byrne Wallace’s level of legal expertise initially stood out to me, in my eyes it is your firm’s ethos and culture that sets you apart as a potential workplace. Byrne Wallace’s commitment to CSR is evident and the emphasis placed on volunteerism in giving back to the community.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my application and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Elanna Dunleavy