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To whom it may concern,

My name is Emer Rooney, and I am writing to apply for a position on the Byrne Wallace Summer Intern Programme. I am a final year Bachelor of Business and Law (BBL) student at University College Dublin.

I aspire to undertake an internship with Byrne Wallace for a number of reasons. Having researched your firm, Byrne Wallace has undoubtedly stood apart for me as an exceptional firm in which I could not only learn a lot but also contribute to positively using my own skill set and determined personality. As a Business and Law student, an internship within Byrne Wallace, offers the opportunity to work within an area that combines both of my specialisms, in a fast paced and exciting environment.

I would relish the opportunity to carry out an internship with Byrne Wallace given the high acclaim that your firm has been given; awarded the Chambers Europe Ireland Client Service Award 2017, for your continued integrity and excellence in servicing clients. Experience with your firm would provide me with an opportunity to assist in some of Ireland’s most influential and multi-jurisdictional corporate transactions in a very real sense, such as the recent work on the acquisition of Rothco by Accenture. Exposure to such a high calibre of work sets Byrne Wallace apart, and from speaking with Trainees at UCD Internship fair, I am confident that as an intern I would gain comprehensive training and experience that mirrors the top tier work the firm delivers. I am a driven and ambitious individual, and with recognition of excellence from Lexcel and various national and international bodies, I am confident Byrne Wallace is a firm in which I would thrive as an intern.

My degree in Business and Law has developed both analytical and advisory legal skills combined with the numeracy and financial literacy of a business degree. I believe the integration of both disciplines, provides an ideal foundation for entering the commercial law sphere. Through my Business studies, I have gained an acute sense of commercial awareness and business acumen; knowledge which I could bring forward to an internship in Byrne Wallace. I have specifically chosen to hone my studies to complement a career in commercial law, through modules such as Banking, Company and Employment Law. It is clear that Byrne Wallace is an industry leader across all of these sectors. In particular, the continuous recognition that your firm receives for excelling in advising on such a broad spectrum of Employment Law issues, is of great interest to me. I am thoroughly enjoying my current studies of Employment Law and the opportunity to work with industry leaders on such a high calibre of work is particularly exciting.

I have always had an interest in social justice and charity, my experience of which includes my current role as Philanthropy officer on the UCD Commerce & Economics Society committee, and my continued membership with Saint Vincent de Paul in UCD. My involvement in the C&E society requires innovation and organisational skills when approaching businesses for sponsorship and planning fundraising events, skills that are directly transferable to the intern programme. Moreover, committee involvement has increased my communication, time management and team work skills, all essential to the team environment and collaborative culture Byrne Wallace strives to foster within its firm. Having researched your firm, I have come to appreciate the importance placed on charitable giving and volunteerism within the Byrne Wallace culture. The firm’s continued support of both St John of God and the Special Olympics is to be admired: I would relish the opportunity to work with an organisation which mirrors my values of social responsibility, on a corporate level.

I understand an internship with Byrne Wallace will be demanding, fast-paced and dynamic. I enjoy taking on new challenges at every opportunity, both individually and as part of a team, as displayed by my partaking in a J1 visa in Chicago last summer. Within my waitress role, I excelled and was promoted to heading up corporate events, representing the company on a number of occasions. This position required commitment to providing a first class service and channelling a solutions driven attitude to any problems that occurred. I relished this role and particularly enjoyed working within a cultural environment which was quite different to that in Ireland. The fact that Byrne Wallace has a number of strong affiliations with ALFA International and links with international firms, is therefore, particularly attractive to me, as an internship with your firm would expose me to multi-jurisdictional transactions and a global legal network.

I believe that I have demonstrated the determination, ability and commitment you are looking for. I have attached a copy of my CV highlighting relevant experience to the Summer Intern Programme. I am available to contact at all times for interview or if you have any queries about my application. Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Emer Rooney