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HR Administrator

Byrne Wallace

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Dear Ms Onslow,

I am writing to you in line with my recent application to the Byrne Wallace Summer Intern Programme. This internship was advertised via the Maynooth University Careers Office. I have come across the firm on many occasions prior to this, however. As an Undergraduate and Postgraduate student, I have found that many of my legal interests align with the practice areas of the firm. During my time as an LLB student, I performed particularly well in areas such as Company Law, Banking and Financial Law and Tax Law. I believe that an internship with a client-oriented firm such as Byrne Wallace would enable me to witness law in action as opposed to law in the books. While I have found reading law to be a rewarding intellectual challenge, I think the time has come to see how it really works. Of course, I am also interested in meeting those who work within the firm at present as well as meeting like-minded interns.

As a student and an employee, I set high standards for myself and I enjoy working with an end goal in mind. Last September saw my return to Maynooth University to pursue a Masters of International Business Law. My thesis will assess the role of Privacy by Design and whether it can increase trust in technology following the data breaches suffered in recent times. During my first semester as a Masters student, I held down two jobs and still placed first in two of my chosen modules. My role as a Tutor with the Centre for Teaching and Learning in Maynooth University has aided my confidence and presentation skills. In addition, the tutoring programme has aided first years in making the transition to third level education; an experience that can be nerve-wracking for many.

I decided to take a year out following completion of my Bachelors of Law. My motivation for doing so was to spend time with my family. During this time, my Mother received heart surgery which came as a shock to all of us. While our family is eternally grateful for her full recovery, I have since decided to pursue the Camino walk following the completion of my FE-1s. My Mothers illness and recovery has really opened my eyes to cardiac health and I hope that in completing the Camino I can not only fundraise but hopefully raise awareness about cardiac disease in younger people. I also hope that the training process will be a welcome stress-reliever when it comes to sitting the FE-1s! At present, I am a frequent participant of Parkrun, a volunteer led 5km run that takes place on a weekly basis. I also enjoy yoga and cooking. As a break from my Masters, I enjoy reading, art and film. Most recently, I travelled to Rotterdam to experience their International Film Festival and hope to travel to more events like this in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for reading my application and giving it consideration at this time. I believe that my written and presentation skills are continually improving and feel that experiencing a firm such as Byrne Wallace could expand upon my skills. My curriculum vitae has been provided using your online application system. I can be contacted at any time.

Yours sincerely,

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