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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Gavin Cruess Callaghan and I wish to apply for a position on the Byrne Wallace Summer Internship programme. Enclosed, please find a copy of my CV for your review.

I believe that my joint degree in Business and Law has provided me with a strong foundation for a career in Byrne Wallace. The duality of the degree means that I have seen the theory of the law being applied in practice. I believe my commercial acumen is of a high standard for a person aiming to enter the legal profession. A career as a solicitor is incredibly appealing to me due to its challenging yet rewarding nature. It is a profession that requires constant adaptation due to new legislation and technological advancements, which intrigues me as it allows for continuous learning. I am fascinated by how the law is a constantly evolving system that adheres to changing values and attitudes within society. I have had exposure to working in competitive and high-pressured environments during my undergraduate degree, including involvement in business and legal projects and presentations, as well as through my work experience and internships. This has developed my interpersonal skills in a working capacity and reinforced my ability to work effectively under pressure.  I believe I am an excellent team player, with the ability to take a leadership role as required. I have demonstrated this through being elected to captain Old Belvedere RFC U20s. I enjoy travelling and experiencing new cultures first hand. This desire to travel has led me across the globe to areas such as South East Asia, North America, and Eastern Europe. I also spent the last academic year studying abroad in Montréal, Canada. This was an incredible opportunity to live in a province where the vast majority of the population had a different mother tongue to my own. The culture contrasted a great deal compared to Ireland, especially within the University. Living by myself in a separate continent from home further matured me and expanded my life skills tenfold. From this, I would consider myself to be an independent person who operates analytically with the capacity to excel and adapt to new and unfamiliar environments.

Those who have experienced Byrne Wallace as interns and trainees speak very highly of the learning, personal development and opportunities they received.  I admire and aspire to the Byrne Wallace values and culture. I respect Byrne Wallace’s dedication to Corporate Social Responsibility through the focus on Community and Environment, especially the endorsement of Special Olympic Ireland. I am eager to be exposed to an innovative environment and would cherish the opportunity to work in a proactive leading firm. The culture of collegiality within the firm is evident and I believe this environment would provide a strong foundation for continuous personal development. Given my high level of ambition and enthusiasm, I believe that I would adapt to the firm seamlessly and would give my full focus to becoming an asset for the firm.

Through my prior internship with Coleman Legal Partners, I gained some knowledge of how a legal firm operates day-to-day. During my time there, I worked on a wide variety of litigation cases in the areas of Medical Negligence, Sexual Assault and Class Action lawsuits. My primary role was to aid the solicitors in the office with whatever tasks they required me to do; this ranged from attending the Four Courts and meeting with barristers, to analysing potential cases and undertaking administrative work. This position gave me a greater understanding as to how cases evolve and formulate. The experience reaffirmed to me the importance of attention to detail and diligence when undertaking tasks in a professional environment. Byrne Wallace has an excellent reputation advising on high profile and complex legal issues and it would be ideal to be able to experience this first hand through a traineeship. I also understand that Byrne Wallace has an excellent training programme; which provides the opportunity to be given support by partners. The prospect of working alongside top-class lawyers on the largest and most complex deals excites me.

Thank you for giving my application your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Faithfully,

Gavin Cruess Callaghan