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Dear Ms. Onslow

I am writing to you to apply for the ByrneWallace Summer Intern Programme. I am a recent graduate from University College Dublin (UCD) having obtained a 2nd Class Honours degree in Business & Law (BBL). Since then I have gained practical experience working in various solicitors offices as an intern, paralegal and legal secretary. I have just finished my position as a paralegal within Arthur Cox as part of the Legal Tech and Innovation Services (LTIS) team in order to study for my FE1 examinations this March. Having witnessed first-hand what it is like to work within a large Irish firm, I would be delighted to be given the opportunity to pursue a career with one of Irelands greatest commercial law firms, ByrneWallace.

What influences me most to apply for the summer internship is how the programme is structured to reflect what life is like as a trainee within the firm. The summer internship would allow me to focus on a core practice area which will in turn benefit my time as a trainee. I have a particular interest for property law. Having completed my previous work experience primarily in conveyancing, I have grown a confidence in my legal abilities. I like this area as I find it can be challenging and requires great attention to detail in drafting. Having won the overall Property firm of the year at the ACQ5 Law Awards 2018 I know I will be provided with the best possible resources to strengthen my abilities. Moreover, I enjoy continuous learning and new challenges. ByrneWallace works massively within the Irish Public Sector, more specifically, the H.S.E and is ranked a Tier 1 firm in the Public Sector chapter of the Legal 500. In addition to this, I have a growing interest in Employment Law, having studied it and witnessed dealings with the Workplace Relations Commission in my previous employment. The two sectors are hugely intertwined at the moment with HSE nurses going on strike following trade union direction – working with ByrneWallace throughout this turbulent time would be of immeasurable experience.

From a young age, I have been heavily involved with team sports, ranging from playing basketball in school, to captaining my camogie team to a county win. I really enjoy keeping my fitness up and participating in gym classes, I am encouraged further to apply to ByrneWallace as the firm organises an array of sporting and social events throughout the year such as the tag-rugby tournament. I am particularly impressed by the firms Well-Being programme which provides various fitness classes and educational resources on healthy eating, in addition to mindfulness sessions within the organisation. A work/life balance is essential in such a high calibre career. Moreover, the firm’s annual Summer BBQ is an additional bonus as it will give all interns a great opportunity to integrate and bond outside of the work environment.

Furthermore, the firm’s corporate social responsibility proactivity is next to none. I volunteer delivering ‘meals-on-wheels’ to the elderly when I return home to Wexford during the holiday periods, particularly around Christmas. I was also an active member in UCD’s Saint Vincent de Paul Society, participating in last years ‘sleep out’, outside the U.C.D library to raise money for the homeless. I would love the opportunity to participate in the firms charitable activities and volunteering such as the Solas Project which combats socio-economic issues by encouraging those from disadvantaged areas to realise and develop their true potential.

To conclude, I believe I am highly committed to pursuing a long and successful career with ByrneWallace, participating in the summer internship programme would allow me to set these foundations. From my work and academic background, it is clear that I am dedicated and hard-working and know that I would gain invaluable worth-while experience during the summer internship programme. I greatly appreciate your time and consideration in reviewing my application and hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely

Hazel O’Leary