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I am writing to apply to the 2018 Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Programme. I am a third year Business and Law student in University College Dublin.

I am hard working and determined, and I am also very outgoing by nature, engaging in a wide range of social/sporting activities, including rugby, golf and ….. Ibelieve I would be a good fit in Byrne Wallace firm.

There are a number of reasons why I would like to apply for an internship with your firm.

Firstly I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to work in one of Ireland’s leading corporate law firms. I have noted the list of awards the firm has achieved, which is extremely impressive and I understand the commitment this may require of me, and I think it would afford me the opportunity to understudy with colleagues determined to perform at the highest level in their fields. This would afford me the best possible introduction to the workings of a corporate law firm.

The fact that Byrne Wallace has links to other firms across Europe, the USA and Australasia, as well as a membership with ALFA international is also very appealing to me.

I also recognise that the strong international dimension of the firm will offer an opportunity to dedicated students, to broaden theit horizons in time, and and for me that means an opportunity to learn more about other cultures and international legal practice.

I am well travelled and I take the opportunities available to me. I am currently studying in UCD Erasmus programme for business and law undergraduates, at Universita Bocconi in Milan, Italy, I currently undertaking a language crash course in Italian and I am quickly adapting to the College lifestyle in a highly recognised Italian business and law faculty.

The broad range of practice areas in Byrne Wallace is another area that appeals to me.

It’s too early to say what areas of legal practice may best suit my skills as they evolve, and so the diversity of expertise that your firm covers in all significant areas of Irish Law would give me a chance to discover which areas of law to focus on in the very near future, as I establish my career path in Law on completion of my degree.

I have a particular interest in the law of International and EU trade and how the law in this area will develop post-Brexit over the coming years. The prospect of providing clientele with legal advice on how to effectively navigate cross-border trade is one which appeals to me greatly. Having expressed that wish, I’m completely open to what routes may open for me under the guidance of senior legal colleagues, because I have been taught that as “one door closes, another opens”, and the law is a constantly evolving thing, offering opportunity, such as the forthcoming rollout of GDPR across Europe, which no doubt will absorb a lot of legal energy over the next few years.

The opportunity to work under the guidance of senior legal practitioners in Byrne Wallace in a summer internship is one I would value greatly. Witnessing how these professionals carry out their work first-hand, receiving their pragmatic guidance, while also participating in the tailored learning programme for interns would expose me to interesting and challenging legal issues and how best to overcome them. I already had an opportunity to see this first hand, in a different perspective has an understudy to judicial assistants with Superior Court Judges in the summer of 2015. On the very first day a Supreme Court judge explained to me the evolution of the Superior Courts from the foundation of the State to date, and in the subsequent days I was allowed to see the internal workings, processing and conduct of cases in the higher courts, and the roles played by the different parties around the Judges.

In turn I believe I would be valuable intern (!) to Byrne Wallace, because I am motivated and hard working. My academic results as well as my achievements outside of the classroom to date reflect my work ethic and ambition and I will transfer these attributes to how I approach my responsibilities in Byrne Wallace. I am sociaable and fully involved in sports activities throughout School and University. I have played for UCD RFC for the last 2 years and before that played for my school Rockwell College where I was a member of the Munster Schools Senior Cup winning team in 2015. Through that I learned how dedicated you had to be an intense sports programs, and just how critical teamwork and team spirit are to success, and to occasionally dealing with failure also. I am an active member in a number of UCD’s societies and I would love the opportunity to partake in the firm’s social activities and sports events.

In conclusion, I would be appreciative, and indeed honoured if I were to be selected for Byrne Wallace’s summer internship programme. Thank you for considering my application, I have enclosed my CV and hope to hear back from you soon.

Yours Sincerely,

Jack Binchy