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Dear Ciara

I am excited to apply for the Summer Internship Programme at ByrneWallace. I believe that this Internship Programme will be a great opportunity to showcase my capabilities to the firm and allow me to develop the skills acquired during university in a practical manner. I was initially drawn to apply for this internship due to the variety of sectors available to develop my skills, the open floor policy and the reputation of ByrneWallace nationally. I have an interest in commercial, company and European Union law and this combined with my academic achievements and my language skills, would make me a great asset to the ByrneWallace firm.

I am currently in my final year of a Bachelor of Civil Law and French degree in Maynooth University. Throughout my time at Maynooth University, I have excelled academically obtaining first class honours grades in Commercial Law, Company Law and European Union Law. My current GPA falls at a high II.I (67.7%) and I am hoping to graduate with a first-class honours' degree. However, I have not just excelled academically but also through extra-curricular activities which include my role as President of the French Society, Student Representative for the Law Society, Academic Representative for my Law and Arts programme and participation in several law-oriented events such as the Philpot Curran Moot Court competition. Academically, my strengths have fallen under the realm of commercial law which also focused my attention to ByrneWallace as one of the top commercial law companies in the country. I believe I always have room for improvement, and I was delighted to discover that BryneWallace enables the learning of its interns through seminars and informal meetings throughout the four-week programme.

My organisational and time management skills are exceptional which is evident in my ability to achieve high grades and participate within the social life of Maynooth University campus, while also maintaining a part-time job throughout my time at university. I showcase

leadership qualities and exceptional work ethic in my Presidential role in the French Society and in my role as a Senior Staff Member in my part-time job. Recently I was awarded a Departmental Hero Award for my work in my part-time job which was voted upon by my co-workers. This emphasises my team-work skills and my drive to put my best into any task given. I believe I display several transferable skills, gained through extra-curricular activities and previous employment which will provide the groundwork for success at ByrneWallace.

I believe currently my weaknesses lie in my lack of practical legal experience and an exposure to working life in a top law firm will allow my transferable skills and qualities to flourish in the right direction. Researching the firm, I was surprised to discover ByrneWallace's partnership with the Solas Project which empowers young people from social and educational disadvantage to develop their education and fulfil their potential. I found this extremely admirable and it was something I didn't expect from a corporate law firm, but it emphasises the importance of the firm's corporate social responsibility and I would be proud to work in such a firm. I am excited at the possibility of being part of a firm which focuses on social issues which I equally value at a personal and professional level. I would love for this Internship Programme in ByrneWallace to lay the foundation for my legal career.

Kind regards

Jade Van Standen