Manager of the Summer Internship Programme

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Dear Hiring manager,

I wish to express my interest in the Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Programme. I am currently a final year BCL student in University College Dublin in the Law (with History) programme. I am set to graduate in 2020 with a 2:1 degree.

The practice areas I currently have an interest in are employment law and intellectual property law. I am impressed by Byrne Wallace’s high rankings in the Legal 500 across these areas. That said, I would consider my interests to be quite broad. At this early stage in my career, I am aware that there are many practice areas I have yet to encounter and I am sure that experience will allow new passions to emerge.

I am intrigued by Byrne Wallace’s prominence in healthcare and life sciences sector. I find the nature of work in this area fascinating as a confluence of numerous practice areas. I was interested to read about Byrne Wallace’s role in advising Amyrt Pharma plc in the exclusive in- licence agreement with University College Dublin regarding a non-viral gene therapy to treat Epidermolysis bullosa. I would greatly value an opportunity to learn more about this sector from a team that is a leader in the field.

Upon reading the testimony of a past intern, it is evident that Byrne Wallace is committed to supporting the personal and professional development of interns. I admire the structure of the programme in offering interns experience in a variety of practice areas along with informal meetings and seminars which give insight into the career.

I am confident that I would offer valuable skills and attributes to the internship programme., I have developed my communication, interpersonal and teamwork skills through extra-curricular activities, retail positions and voluntary work, as evidenced in my CV. I have held positions in two small general practice firms and occupied a Paralegal role in LK Shields Solicitors for a period of two months. I believe these positions have equipped me with a good general knowledge of the legal field which will enable me to adapt easily to a corporate environment of a larger scale.

Finally, I respect the firm’s extensive Corporate Social Responsibility commitments and charitable initiatives, particularly Byrne Wallace’s hands-on approach to volunteering in the community. I am currently volunteer for Concern Worldwide’s youth-oriented programmes and I am confident that the firm’s ethical ethos aligns with my own.

I look forward to hearing from you and having the opportunity to discuss my application further.

Yours faithfully,

Jennifer Gillen