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**ByrneWallace Internship Programme 2019**

Dear Ms. Onslow,

I am a final-year student at University College Dublin, studying Law with French Law. I am writing to apply for the ByrneWallace Summer Internship Programme, which I have seen advertised extensively on campus and online.

The primary factor in my choice of a legal career has been my involvement in the UCD Student Legal Service Negotiation Competition, where I have enjoyed developing my problem-solving and analysis skills in the framework of a commercial legal scenario. My recent professional experience at KPMG has complemented this as I developed my knowledge and research skills in tax law, and my close interaction with counsel at Almac Group later confirmed this choice.

ByrneWallace’s top-tier ranking in life sciences complements my experience in the in-house legal department at Almac Group, a pharmaceutical company, and ensures that I would be exposed to cutting-edge work and leading professionals. As well as this, I have enjoyed my studies of employment law in college this year and ByrneWallace’s top-tier ranking in this area guarantees that an internship here will provide unparalleled opportunities for learning and development. Furthermore, ByrneWallace’s dedication to corporate social responsibility with the Solas Project aligns closely with the strong ethics I have developed through my volunteering in Lourdes, ensuring that ByrneWallace is the ideal environment to begin my legal career.

Through my volunteering in Lourdes I have developed my teamwork and leadership skills to the highest standard as both a team member and leader. As well as this, the experience has increased my confidence and ability to connect and empathise with others through my interaction with sick and elderly pilgrims, and has also taught me commitment, as I have foregone other plans in order to go. Furthermore, my experience in KPMG proved my ability to work outside my comfort zone, and also strengthened my attention to detail and commercial awareness. I developed strong organisation skills during my time as Debates Convenor in the UCD French Society, during which I co-organised the inaugural French Debating Inter-Varsity Competition at Trinity College.

I believe that the ByrneWallace Internship Programme will challenge and complement my skills and knowledge, as well as provide me greater insight into commercial law, and so will greatly benefit my career. I am also certain that my broad array of skills and experience will allow me to contribute positively to the work of the Firm. I am available for interview during the month of February, and I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

John McEvoy