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Beth Onslow

HR Administrator

ByrneWallace

88 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2

Dear Mrs. Onslow,

I am a second-year Bachelor of Civil Law/Maîtrise student at the UCD Sutherland School of Law and am writing to apply for a summer internship at ByrneWallace. I am excited by the opportunities your Summer Internship programme offers, particularly because of conversations I have had with associates and trainees from the firm at different legal fairs on campus and at an internship fair organized by the UCD Career Development Centre last week.

Being interested in the substantive legal work conducted by Irish commercial law firms, I was impressed with the lawyers’ description of the strong reputation ByrneWallace have in the Irish and international legal market. Having grown up in France and by studying in Ireland, I am confident that my native proficiency in French, my acquired fluency in English and my strong interest in pursuing a career in commercial law on an international scale will enable me to contribute significantly to the work at one of Ireland’s largest law firms this summer. What makes ByrneWallace stand out from other Irish commercial law firms is its big commitment and focus on its clients, I have noticed this from speaking with trainees and observed that it was not equally reflected by other law firms. Further, your areas of expertise appear to be wider, as I have a science background (I followed a French scientist “baccalauréat” and initially pursued engineering studies) your leading position in healthcare or life sciences is of big interest to me.

My real interest in pursuing a career in corporate and commercial law was strengthened at the beginning of this academic year, when I started working as my Law School’s student career ambassador. I am indeed responsible for advising students on the development of their professional profiles and helping them to search for jobs and internships. In organising various career-related events, this role enabled me to network with many Irish and English commercial lawyers which developed my passsion to work in this industry.

This past summer, I had the honour of being selected by the French Fulbright Commission to attend a Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) for European Student Leaders on the topic of Social Entrepreneurship. This programme sponsored by the U.S. Department of State was mainly held in the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and included field trips to Boston and Washington D.C. This academic exchange helped me to build tangible leadership skills, to form social networks, and to strengthen my thematic knowledge of social entrepreneurship. Above all, it gave me the confidence and the wish to pursue an ambitious and internationally oriented career. The Institute also aimed to support the participants in the development of a social venture that would be presented in Washington D.C., and this group project I led with brilliant and driven young European students made me realize how essential and rewarding teamwork is.

To conclude, I believe that my inter-personal skills, my drive, and my international profile combined with my longstanding interest in wanting to commence my legal career in a large Irish commercial firm, make me a strong candidate for ByrneWallace’s 2017 Summer Internship. Thank you in advance for your time and I hope to have the opportunity to interview with you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Julien Abalhassane