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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Internship Application**

I am writing in support of my application for an internship position with ByrneWallace. I am a final year student studying Law with Social Justice in UCD, averaging a strong 2.1 across my results over the last four years. I anticipate to graduate with the same strong 2.1 later this year.

I have a particular interest in working in the field of, but not limited to, employment, administrative, corporate and family law. These particular aspects of law have interested me since I commenced my studies back in 2014, and I feel my impressive exam results reflect my capabilities in these areas. Therefore, ByrneWallace was a natural choice for me, the firm’s reputation for providing consistently excellent services and quality to their clients is particularly noteworthy.

Furthermore, ByrneWallace offer services to an international client base which would be of incredible interest to me as an intern. I have undertaken legal work experience in the UK previously, due to my desire to educate myself fully on the operation of law not just in an Irish context. With our legal landscape developing at such a rapid rate, the incorporation of international law is becoming an ever-present reality. It would be an invaluable experience to be part of a firm which operates in a more global market.

I was particularly drawn to the emphasis ByrneWallace places on client satisfaction. My studies in the field of social justice would compliment this ethos. I have had the opportunity to gain a fuller range of perspective and a great insight into and exposure to, points of view far different from my own. Social justice places a huge emphasis on how the law affects individuals personally. Furthermore, I have undertaken modules in Public Interest Law and Social Inclusion Law Clinics where there is a great deal of focus placed on being able to apply the relevant law to an individual’s personal circumstances and also to be able to articulate the law in an empathetic way. I am confident that this knowledge base would make me an ideal candidate for a firm with such a client-based approach.

From my CV it should be apparent that I have a strong work ethic, having worked extensively in the retail sector, along with experience working in international law firms and Government Departments. I have worked with a variety of people from all demographics and my teamwork skills are unparalleled. I am comfortable in high pressure situations, am focused, driven and intuitive. I have also competitively debated at a national level and I am a powerful public speaker and a persuasive seller.

To date, I have consistently achieved excellent exam results. Now it is time to add further practical experience, to learn away from the books. To have the privilege of working alongside the legal experts of such an outstanding practice would be invaluable.

I am confident I would make an excellent candidate for your internship programme.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours Faithfully,

Laura O’Brien