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Dear Ms Onslow,

I am writing to you in support of my application to the Byrne Wallace 2019 internship programme.

During my research, I was immediately impressed by the calibre of Byrne Wallace’s client base and outstanding reputation as one of Ireland’s leading commercial law firms. Throughout my placement in the firm’s Employment Law practice area, I was given a practical insight into the challenging but rewarding work of a trainee in the firm. My positive experience motivated me to apply to the internship programme.

The feature that distinguished Byrne Wallace from other firms during my selection process was the friendly atmosphere throughout the firm. During my placement, I was immediately made feel part of a team. I was grateful for the opportunity to interact regularly with trainees, solicitors and partners of the firm and in turn, learn firsthand and receive feedback from highly experienced legal professionals. The open door policy throughout the firm’s working environment exemplified the collaborative culture in Byrne Wallace.

The firm’s exceptional investment in education and emphasis on career development was evident during my placement. The unique opportunity to participate in a tailored learning programme throughout the internship programme greatly appealed to me. The direct involvement of interns in complex legal matters presents an exciting challenge and serves to illustrate the firm’s commitment to collaboration. As a full-service commercial law firm, Byrne Wallace would be an ideal environment to gain exposure to a range of practice areas and develop a greater understanding of where my interest lies in preparation for my future legal career.

I believe that my international background and experience throughout my university career, employment and extracurricular activities has shaped me as an ideal candidate for the Byrne Wallace internship programme. After completing the majority of my secondary education in Singapore, I relocated to Ireland in 2014 to pursue my interest in law at university. I am confident that my experience would enable me to offer a different perspective to the Byrne Wallace team and excel in the fast-paced environment of a commercial law firm.

During my university career, my attentive attitude in completing research assignments, presentations and examinations has enabled me to consistently maintain strong academic achievements and ultimately, reach my objective in attaining a first class honours degree. I am confident that the experience I have gained in a diverse range of working environments would be of great value to me as an intern in Byrne Wallace. My experience reviewing and drafting documentation in the area of intellectual property law in PM Group enabled me to develop strong analytical and researching skills. During my placement in Byrne Wallace, I was afforded a high degree of responsibility in carrying out tasks and was required to work efficiently to meet the expectations of solicitors and partners of the firm. My experience working in Byrne Wallace was challenging but I welcomed the opportunity and thrived in the collaborative atmosphere of the firm.

As a volunteer with organisations including SUAS and ‘Caring for Cambodia’, I have gained invaluable experience leading a team of individuals towards a common target. Additionally, my extracurricular involvement in a number of societies in DCU has strengthened my ability to work cooperatively within a team environment. I believe I could utilise my entrepreneurial attitude and ability to work efficiently in a team to make a positive contribution as an intern in Byrne Wallace.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I am confident that I would make a valuable addition to the Byrne Wallace team if afforded the opportunity.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Schouten.