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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a current LLM (IP and E-Law) student at University College Cork and am interested in pursuing a career representing startup and I.T-related companies in privacy and data protection claims. As such cases are largely referred to large corporate firms in this jurisdiction, I believe that a summer internship opportunity at ByrneWallace would provide me with both an excellent introduction to the corporate law firm environment and invaluable experience for my future career.

As illustrated by the accompanying Curriculum Vitae, I have recently obtained a BCL (International) degree from University College Cork with a 2.1 grade. I spent my third year of the undergraduate programme at the University of Oslo, studying telecommunications and data privacy law at a Masters level under a number of Europe's leading academic scholars in these areas. This experience confirmed my interest in and commitment to working in the IT Law sector. Additionally, I spent the summer of 2015 on work placement with the Court Service, preparing daily court lists and maintaining data from Charge Sheets and Court Summons. Participating in the inner workings of the court system and interacting with both solicitors and members of An Garda Síochána allowed me to become accustomed to the courtroom environment and to see first-hand the application of my theoretical legal knowledge to practical common scenarios.

While studying at U.C.C. I have taken advantage of a number of opportunities to enhance my oral advocacy skills and group-research experience. As a member of the Free Legal Advice Centre, I gained valuable experience in face-to-face meetings with clients concerned with issues such as Landlord and Tenant Law and the Law of Employment. Membership of the I.T. Law Clinic has provided me with an excellent foundation in approaching the type of work which I hope to continue in my future career, affording me the opportunity to engage in group research to respond to legal queries from startup developers concerning copyright and e-commerce law. Lastly, both preparing for and receiving highly-positive feedback from my final-year Moot Court presentation has served to considerably strengthen my ability and confidence to present oral legal submissions in a logical and coherent manner.

As a result of the firm's leading reputation in the Intellectual Property and Technology Law sectors, I would feel privileged to be granted a summer internship with ByrneWallace. The opportunity to integrate with and become accustomed to the dynamic of a corporate firm is one which would be invaluable in terms of both my future legal career and my own personal development as a legal professional. In addition, due to my experiences with the Free Legal Advice Centre and the I.T. Law Clinic at U.C.C. I believe I could offer a meaningful contribution to the pro bono support ByrneWallace provides on a continual basis through the firm's Corporate Responsibility programme to a number of the country's leading charities and non-profit organisations. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lee Taren