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Dear Sir/Madam,

As an aspiring corporate lawyer and a student of Law and French at Trinity College, a summer internship at ByrneWallace would give me the opportunity to strengthen my business and legal knowledge while allowing me to contribute positively towards the firm through my organisational and interpersonal skills. My experiences as a teaching volunteer with an NGO, a valued member of bar staff and a work experience student at a law firm have all equipped me with the skills necessary to perform effectively in a commercial company. I enjoy contributing to a team through my commitment to each task undertaken and my ability to apply myself and work confidently under pressure.

I am committed to a career in a commercial firm for a number of reasons. ByrneWallace appeals to me instantly due to its excellent reputation and its strength across geographies. Having spent time living abroad and currently living and studying in Strasbourg, the location of numerous European Institutions; I have been exposed to a number of jurisdictions and the different legal and business opportunities facing them. This has instilled in me the importance of international trade and legal transactions. My interest in both domestic and international legal and business affairs is reflected in my decision to pursue a Law and French degree, which allows me to gain a thorough knowledge of the legal systems of both Common and Civil law jurisdictions. Attending events at nearby European institutions has given me first-hand insight into the role of Irish firms in the context of Ireland's membership of the European Union and the Council of Europe.

I am eager to apply my knowledge to the practical settings available in a law firm that deals with both domestic and international legal disputes. Above all, I adapt well to new situations and thrive in a group setting: having undertaken a leadership role as a peer mentor at university, a partner role as a member of a teaching duo and a team member position as an employee in a bar, I find that working in coordination with a group allows my communicational and interpersonal skills to flourish. I am confident that these skills will serve me well in a firm that prides itself on its close relationship with its clients and its partner-focused approach. Furthermore, I believe the communicational skills I possess will translate well as negotiation skills in a legal environment.

In light of Byrne Wallace's legal accomplishments, particularly its reception of awards such as the Client Choice Award, I am excited to have found a firm whose values match my own that provides the opportunity to gain direct experience in a corporate firm.

Sincerely,

Lucy MacDonald