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Re: Summer Internship Application

Dear whom it may concern,

I am writing to apply for a position on the ByrneWallace summer internship programme 2017.

My main motivation behind applying for this programme is that I wish to explore what a career as a corporate lawyer entails. My interest in corporate law began while studying company law as part of my degree in which I obtained a 2:1 in my first semester and a 1:1 in my second semester. This interest solidified when I participated in a week-long ELSA (European Law Students’ Association) Summer Law School in corporate and finance law in August 2016. The week consisted of a series of lectures given by partners and senior associates of Irish law firms including William Fry, Eversheds, Beauchamps, TippMcKnight and Mason Hayes and Curran. The range of topics touched on included the likes of competition law and state aid, investment funds, the Commercial Court of Ireland, international mergers and acquisitions and transnational disputes.

While I thoroughly enjoyed each of these lectures, the law school was unfortunately limited to seven days and as such, each lecture was simply an introduction or general overview of the topics mentioned. I believe that a summer internship at ByrneWallace would allow me to further develop my knowledge and expertise in areas of corporate law which I have never truly experienced.

I have decided to pursue a career as a lawyer as I have always had an avid interest in law and since studying it in college, my interest has developed into a passion. I enjoy the challenge of exploring situations in depth in order to try and come up with a solution. I believe that a legal career will suit me as I have a natural inclination to want to resolve issues and problems. I was elected BCL Representative for my class in second year which I believe is indicative of this.

My communication, negotiation and leadership skills have been greatly advanced since becoming chairperson of ELSA DCU 2016/17. Thus far, my role has taught me that equal participation and teamwork are essential to ensure the overall smooth running of the society. I have learned that teamwork requires more than simply delegating and following up on assigned tasks, it requires support and encouragement from myself and each of the committee members. This formula of equal participation, support and enthusiasm has resulted in our most successful year as a society to date having held guest speaker events with Senator David Norris, RTÉ Crime Correspondent Paul Reynolds and Right to Die Campaigners Tom Curran and Gail O’Rorke.

I am applying to ByrneWallace not only because of its outstanding reputation as a leading Irish law firm, but because it is a leading full service law firm. My interest in law reaches beyond corporate law to include healthcare, family and employment law in particular. I gained a 1:1 in both my healthcare law and family law modules in my second year and I have just recently completed a module on employment law. I was delighted to see that these areas of law are all services offered by ByrneWallace and I am very keen to explore them further.

I believe that a summer internship at ByrneWallace would give me a first-hand insight into the legal and corporate world. I would like to experience the practical side of what I have learned during my time in college and at the ELSA Summer Law School. I hope to consolidate and utilise the skills I have which are suitable to a legal career.

Should you wish to interview me, I am available at your disposal.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Lucy Rowan