88 Harcourt Street,

Saint Kevin’s,

Dublin 2.

**RE: Summer Internship Application**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am currently a fourth year LL.B. student at Maynooth University and I aspire to obtain a Summer Internship with ByrneWallace. I have a keen interest in pursuing a career as a commercial solicitor due to the diversity of practise areas, the quality of work and to learn and work alongside acclaimed lawyers. Securing an internship with ByrneWallace would further develop my core legal skills which would complement my academic attributes, while also allowing me to gain valuable practical legal experience which is essential to one’s progression.

ByrneWallace deliver quality services to numerous top multi-national corporations, institutions and government clients. A firm with prestigious clients is one which all aspiring interns should strive to impress. Being given the opportunity to work with the Law Firm of the Year 2016 would undoubtedly assist me in fulfilling my potential and ambition to succeed in one of Ireland’s top law firms. It is my understanding that ByrneWallace use an open plan office setting. For an intern this accessibility would be invaluable as not many firms offer that amount of access to partners and internationally renowned solicitors.

The social dynamics of a firm is something which should not be ignored when considering your application. As an out-going and approachable person, I appreciate the emphasis your firm places on the relationship they have with the entirety of their staff. I have also heard of the considerable effort ByrneWallace expend on charity work and the value they place on Corporate Social Responsibility. I have worked with the Irish Cancer Society on a voluntary basis on numerous occasions and see it as giving something back to society.

I have developed my legal skills, primarily, through my academic studies and undertaking practical modules such as legal skills while also volunteering as a legal information provider with FLAC Maynooth. It is my firm belief that I possess the ability and personality to succeed at ByrneWallace and complement the team orientated work environment. I believe that effective communication, commercial awareness, and integrity are the fundamentals of success and I would consider these to be my core strengths. I have very firm goals and I am resolute in achieving them. I am currently the Public Relations Officer of the Maynooth University Law Society and Editor of the Golden Thread, a student-edited publication. My editorial position allows me to indulge my passion for contemporary legal topics, while allowing me to explore and research areas of law that are of particular interest to me, such as developments in banking & financial services, employment law and tax law. Having placed third in the recent Irish Tax Institute Fantasy Budget, I have proven that my keen interest in certain areas has been recognised with actual success and I strive to continue this progression.

My extracurricular achievements include winning divisional titles with my local football club, showing my competitive drive, team-work ethic and aspirations, as well as obtaining the Gaisce Bronze Award for building my involvement and participation in my local community. In the past I have also been involved with school teams and enjoy organising and competing in local football leagues. My sporting experience has allowed me to hone my team working and networking skills, and my involvement in the local leagues has vastly improved my organisational skills as well as enabled me to take responsibility and confidently execute plans. Travel is also something in which I am keenly interested. Travelling has allowed me to gain an invaluable insight into a number of different societies and given me the capabilities and independence to believe in my own abilities and to fulfil my working potential. The social values of a firm are extremely important to me, and through ByrneWallace’s social events I believe that I would fit exceptionally well into your firm’s social structure.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Luke Walsh

*Final Year LL.B. Candidate, Maynooth University.*