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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to apply for the summer internship at Byrne Wallace. I am currently doing my Master's degree in Business Law at The National University of Ireland, Galway with the Erasmus programme.

While at University in Poitiers (France) I chose to follow a career as a lawyer. My aim is to complete my studies with a DJCE (French degree as corporate legal advisor) and to qualify as a solicitor in Ireland, specializing in Mergers and Acquisitions.

The double qualification solicitor/avocat is highly valued in the French legal system. This is why I seek to be dually qualified and to gain work experience in an International law firm.

Being interested in both civil law and common law aspects of business law, I naturally applied at NUIG for my Masters degree, in order to improve my knowledge of Irish law.

Ireland was an obvious choice for me, because it is the fastest growing economy in the European Union, and its appeal to foreign investors also makes it an attractive location for prospective business lawyers.

I would like to become an intern at Byrne Wallace because it is one of Ireland's leading corporate law firms and has a renowned practice in Corporate and M&A. The firm's role in advising Cosmo Pharmaceuticals on Irish aspects of its proposed \$2.7bn merger with Salix Pharmaceuticals illustrates its ability to work for big clients and definitely influenced my decision to seek employment with this firm.

My recent but significant work experiences abroad have contributed greatly to improving my skills in becoming a corporate lawyer.

My ability to work well with clients has been enhanced by my 3 month's internship in a solicitor's firm in Galway. I had the chance to work on many cases, involving both French law (tax law, company law, commercial law, property law) and Irish law (real estate law, personal injuries, company law), and this gave me a very practical overview of the Irish legal system.

Furthermore, I had the opportunity to develop my negotiation skills, in Surat (Australia) where I was in contact with suppliers in a wheat production plant (fertilizers, machine maintenance).

At the University of Poitiers, I had many occasions to develop my ability to work on a team as a member of the 'ASAP Club Poitiers' (law student association) in which I helped to organize meetings with lawyers in several events such as the freedom of speech.

I believe that my language skills in French and English, and my understanding of two legal systems may be of significant benefit to your law practice.

Thanking you for your esteemed consideration.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Nahel Rochdi