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ByrneWallace,
88 Harcourt Street,
Dublin 2

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in order to apply for the ByrneWallace Summer Internship Programme. My name is Naoise Duffy, and I am currently working as Legal and Communications Intern with FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centres). I am a graduate of Maynooth University, holding a Bachelor of Civil Law and English (International) degree. I intend to begin taking the FE1 Examinations in September 2016.

I am applying to ByrneWallace for a number of reasons. I am extremely attracted to ByrneWallace's emphasis on innovation and frequently striving to discover and develop new ways to approach legal issues, particularly in response to the constant changes in society and technology. I believe that working within such an environment would give me the opportunity to nourish my own skills of innovation and problem-solving. My work with FLAC, and in particular working on FLAC's Information Telephone Referral Line, has given me the opportunity to greatly develop my own skills of problem-solving, as well as gaining an insight into how the law interacts with society in a practical sense. Having the opportunity to further develop these skills in an environment which promotes innovation and creativity would be a truly invaluable experience.

ByrneWallace's extremely varied areas of specialisation, which span across a vast number of practice areas, is also an important factor in why I am applying for this position. I have been fortunate enough to have had the chance to experience a variety of areas of law in practice, including Family Law, Corporate Law and Landlord and Tenant Law, through a number of internships and work experience. I have learned from these experiences that the law does not operate in a vacuum, and that there is a constant overlap and interaction between many areas of law, as well as between law and society. I feel that having the opportunity to work in a firm such as ByrneWallace, which has a range of expertise in so many different areas of law, would be an incomparable foundation on which to begin to build my career as a solicitor.

A final reason for my application to ByrneWallace would be the emphasis placed on teamwork. Often overlooked in favour of equally necessary skills such as experience or aptitude, teamwork is nonetheless a vital part of the practice of law, something which ByrneWallace consistently promotes and reinforces. As a result of my work with Maynooth University Saint Vincent de Paul as well as a number of other teams and committees, I have had the opportunity not only to improve and strengthen my ability to work efficiently with others, but to understand the necessity of building strong relationships with those you work with, be they teammates or co-workers. I believe such skills would be valuable in a corporate legal environment, and working with ByrneWallace would provide an excellent setting in which to further hone these skills.

I hope you will consider my application for the ByrneWallace Summer Internship Programme, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
Naoise Duffy