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To whom it may concern,

My name is Niamh O’Brien and I am a third year BCL International student at University College Cork. I am currently studying at the University of Copenhagen as part of my Erasmus year. I am applying for the position of a summer intern at your firm, as ByrneWallace is a firm that I am both interested and enthused about.

I find ByrneWallace’s culture highly appealing due to the firm’s friendly and approachable attitude to empowering clients with digestible legal knowledge. I would like to practise alongside professionals who have a reputation for providing excellent client care, as it demonstrates outstanding interpersonal skills, communication skills and ethics. It is also undeniable that the firms reputation in Irelands is first rate. From recognition through prizes such as winning Chambers Europe Ireland Client Service Awards and the Irish Law Awards Excellence in Client Service Award in 2017, it is evident that the firm’s reputation is exceptional. The opportunity to work alongside such experienced and talented individuals would be invaluable for building upon my prior knowledge and shaping me into the solicitor I aspire to become. Furthermore, your firm is especially appealing to me as its commitment to efficiency and care is not exclusive to your clients but to the wider community and environment. For example, I am aware of the contribution the firm has made to the Women’s Refuge Appeal and the Hope Foundation.

Presently, I am on Erasmus in Denmark. The law faculty offers specialised masters modules and I have had the opportunity to study Life Science Law and European Intellectual Property Law amongst others. These areas of study fascinated me and I would love to gain experience in a firm that has departments dedicated to these fields like ByrneWallace offers. The firms rapport with multiple international pharmaceutical companies such as Inflazome Limited, 3D4 Medical and Altan Pharma, makes ByrneWallace an extremely popular option for any student interested in the field of Life Science Law. Darren Daly has an incredible reputation for his work within the Irish Intellectual Property law sphere, with Legal 500 claiming him as ‘simply the best in commercial matters’ last year. Due to the upcoming changes to the European Data Protection Directive, Intellectual Property is a constantly evolving branch of the law and I would love to get the chance of working within the framework of ByrneWallace in this area.

It has been my ambition to pursue a career in Law since I was a child. I have always enjoyed analytic thinking and problem solving, two attributes which are core in the legal world. I find law to be engaging and challenging and I enjoy how the ever evolving nature of law mandates a constantly adapting and evolving approach to it. I enjoy meeting new people and facing new problems as I feel that I thrive in challenging situations.

Working with a corporate law firm is an extremely appealing career path as it is the type of career that rewards hard work and endurance. It gives those who dedicate themselves to their work and firm, a chance to become the best in their field. The desire to excel in my performance is one that is deeply ingrained in me. Its is something that I have brought to all of my part-time employment, since getting my first job upon turning sixteen. As a result I have always enjoyed a positive relationship with all of my past employers, reflected by the fact that I am still invited to visit and occasionally work for them at my convenience. The lifestyle I always envisaged for myself would be fast paced, constantly evolving and challenging. I enjoy working within a high pressurised environment where each individual has to contribute both to the team and to their independent tasks. A career in a corporate law firm would satisfy those requirements.

Corporate culture is important to me, as I would like to join a company that values its employees. ByrneWallace is the type of progressive firm in which I would like join. ByrneWallace has a reputation for excellence and integrity and the successful applicant for the summer internship should reflect that ethos. I believe I am that applicant. If I was fortunate enough to secure a place as a summer intern at your firm, I would bring my relevant experience, interests and great enthusiasm. I hope that you will consider me for this position. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Kind regards,

Niamh O’Brien.