Sinead Fox

HR Administrator

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Dear Ms. Fox,

I am writing to apply for the summer internship programme at Byrne Wallace as advertised on the firm’s website. I am currently a final year BCL Law and French student at University College Cork.

Having had the time to familiarise myself with some of the largest law firms in the country, the diverse practice areas covered by Byrne Wallace have consistently drawn my attention as presenting the best possible range of experience for a summer internship. From Mergers and Acquisitions to Child Care Law, the firm offers the greatest scope possible for a law student still seeking to identify their preferred area of focus. This summer presents my first opportunity to put the skills and knowledge I have gained in university to the test, an opportunity which I feel will be best served at your firm.

Studying law with French language has opened up fantastic opportunities for me as a student. For example, I have found that modules offered to law students by the French department in areas such as legal thinking have positively contributed to my experience of studying law and have enabled me to develop a strong skillset going forward in my career. I have proven my ability in areas such as Company Law and Child Law in my recent winter exams, both areas in which I have developed a keen interest and in which I am now excited to gain practical experience.

To date, my legal experience has been exciting and unique. While on Erasmus in Strasbourg, France last year I was perfectly placed to take full advantage of the presence of the European Court of Human Rights, the European Parliament and the Council. I undertook a legal research and translation internship for the duration of the year with the European Centre for Law and Justice, an international NGO with special consultative status before the UN. While an intern, I gained first-hand experience of life working with international and European law and was also fortunate enough to spend two days shadowing Commissioner for Agriculture Phil Hogan.

I have worked part-time consistently from the age of 16 in both retail and the hospitality sector. The skillset I have gained from this experience is invaluable, ranging from customer service to the ability to work in a physically and mentally challenging environment for long hours at a time. I have worked independently as well as with varying sizes of teams and have found that I am efficient and confident in both situations. I enjoy working to high standards and thrive under pressure when challenged to meet deadlines or complete a difficult task. I believe that this is the environment Byrne Wallace will provide for an intern and into the future for a trainee solicitor, and is one within which I can reach my full potential.

Please find my CV and application form attached. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Niamh Tuohy