To the Trainee Committee of ByrneWallace,

My name is Peter Lonergan, and I am a third year student of Business and Law in UCD.

I am applying for an internship position in your firm. After two years of summer internships with IBM I have come to appreciate a challenge and I know that working in one of Irelands preeminent Law Firms would be the perfect place to begin my legal career.

While I am currently employed as a waiter in Bellinter House, I also have over six months of corporate experience in IBM, initially as an intern in the Lead Development Representative Department, and subsequently as a Treasury intern in its internal bank. As part of the latter internship I was offered some work with the IBM legal team, during which I worked on preparing a report for the department on GDPR 2018, compared IBM’s standard contracts with those of prospective partner banks during negotiations, and researched the Companies Act 2014 to help resolve minor legal problems as they arose.

As a result of these two internships I have experience in areas such as corporate law, financial banking, sales and administration. I have found that corporate experience in one of the largest and most innovative companies in the world has given me a new perspective on working as a team, and has acclimatised me to working in a fast paced and performance driven society.

Doing a double major in business and law has also been a great help in preparing myself for a future career in law. I have particularly enjoyed completing modules in Contract Law, Company Law, Financial accounting and European Law, all which would be of great relevance in an internship in your firm. I believe that having academic knowledge of both business and law and practical experience in IBM gives me an edge which would be beneficial for ByrneWallace.

Over two years of experience in the hospitality sector, from serving behind the bar to organising service in the kitchen, has also given me an edge in dealing with people from all walks of life and shown me the benefits of hard work. As my current employer would be happy to attest, I have always given 100% and used my initiative to resolve problems in service or to go the extra mile for our clients. Working as part of a team in a constantly changing environment has also taught me the benefits of effective communication. While I have enjoyed every minute of work with Bellinter House, and in both of my internships with IBM, I believe it is now time for me to look towards a future in a strong legal firm which challenges me, reflects my own strong work ethic, and strives like I do to perform its duties with strong client service.

ByrneWallace is widely regarded as one of Irelands leading legal firms, with particularly high regard given to its Employment, Public Sector and Health Care and Life Sciences practice areas. It’s clear from my research on the firm that ByrneWallace is a forward thinking and promising firm that challenges its members to achieve their personal best while excelling in client service. I have always enjoyed a challenge and it’s clear that that such a forward thinking firm would be the best fit for my skills and my future career. It’s also refreshing to see that the firm has a strong focus on CSR projects, with a focus on giving back to society and in building strong relationships with the local community.

To conclude, it would be an incredible experience to work with ByrneWallace this summer, both in terms of getting valuable legal experience with one of Ireland’s foremost legal firms, and in terms of working with a firm whose culture matches my own values and work ethic. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Peter Lonergan