Dear Sir or Madam,

In applying for a position as a Summer Intern at Byrne Wallace, I am writing this letter to introduce myself, to outline why I believe I am suited to this position in your firm and to impress upon you my desire and drive to gain invaluable insight in to the inner workings of the firm with a view to becoming a Byrne Wallace trainee.

I grew up in Limerick City but am currently in my third year of studying Business & Law at University College Dublin. I’ve always enjoyed defying expectations and this has manifested itself in my diverse range of interests and experiences. Throughout my life, I have engaged in such pastimes as choir singing, speech and drama, quizzing, and my primary preoccupation outside of my studies, playing rugby. While these seem to be a disparate collection of activities their one unifying factor is that I have excelled in each.

This diverse range of interests has taught me to be comfortable interacting with all sorts of people in all sorts of environments. In addition, I have been exposed to working with corporate clients in a range of settings in my previous work experience in the Lansdowne Club Bar and in Alex O’Neill Solicitors in Limerick. I believe these experiences would assist me in forging relationships with my prospective colleagues and the clients of Byrne Wallace.

The breadth of Byrne Wallace’s activities is of particular interest to me as I have fostered a strong interest in each of the areas of law that I have studied so far. In the summer of 2016 I completed a course in commercial law in the London School of Economics, achieving an A grade. This experience peaked my interest in commercial law further and gave me a unique insight into commercial law in another jurisdiction, both from an academic and a practical perspective. Many of my lecturers and fellow classmates were practicing commercial lawyers from throughout the world and working with them added greatly to my experience. I am keen to gain a similar insight in to other areas of the law at Byrne Wallace.

Undoubtedly, the most unique element of my time in London was being there for the Brexit vote. This allowed me to hear the perspective of legal experts from both the UK and continental Europe on the potential legal and commercial consequences of the UK’s exit form the European Union which is currently being borne out. As a result, I have followed developments in Brexit negotiations since and feel am keen to learn more about the response of Byrne Wallace in this turbulent legal environment.

Byrne Wallace’s unique position as a strongly outward looking, client focused organisation is particularly attractive to me.

Following my experiences in my work and college to date, as well as my time in the LSE, I cannot think of a more enjoyable and beneficial use of this summer for me and I feel my unique range of experiences sets me apart from other candidates.

I invite you to read my CV to learn more about my experiences and me.

Yours Sincerely,

Pierce Lyons.