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Dear Sir/ Madame,

I am a final year Law student at University College Dublin seeking to intern at Byrne Wallace. I will have completed my degree in May and would be seeking a place in the summer intern programme thereafter.

Since studying business at Leaving Cert and taking part in entrepreneurial workshops at school, I have always had keen interest in business and have thoroughly enjoyed my company law modules thus far in university. Furthermore, through my involvement with the Law society in UCD and having spoken to trainees working at Byrne Wallace at the UCD law fair, I gleaned some insight into the fantastic opportunities available in corporate law. I believe I have the drive, ambition and combination of skills to excel in the industry, just as I have excelled in my studies and work experience- both professional and voluntary. Therefore, I am keen to attain some experience in a corporate law firm, and as I researched the top law firms in the country, Byrne Wallace stood out for a number of reasons.

Whilst studying abroad in Utrecht University last year, I had the opportunity to study courses in alternative dispute resolution and pre-trial skills. I really enjoyed these modules and have become keenly interested in dispute resolution and litigation. As Byrne Wallace has recently been recognised for the second year in a row as the 'Public Sector Legal Firm of the Year', and in 2018 having won the ACQ5 'Corporate Law Firm of the Year' accolade, the opportunity to work at Byrne Wallace is incredibly attractive. Moreover, having recently announced an expansion of its litigation department, completing an internship at such an esteemed law firm would be a phenomenal opportunity to improve my practical legal skills.

As someone who is passionate about volunteering and social justice, I was very impressed to learn about Byrne Wallace's commitment to corporate social responsibility. Their commitment to charitable giving in the community through working placements and sporting events is admirable and something I would love to be involved with. In my opinion, being a market leader is about more than just profits. It is crucial to lead the market in a socially responsible manner, and Byrne Wallace is evidently doing its utmost to be that market leader.

I believe that my skills and experience to date would make me an excellent candidate for an internship at the firm. My experience in both the retail and service industries has given me strong communication and inter-personal skills, which I believe are essential to a successful career in law where I expect to encounter clients with a broad range of different problems and needs.

I have shown that I can seamlessly adapt to a team environment, whilst also excel individually, evident in my fundraising efforts for projects such as 100 minds and Relay for Life. Moreover, holding positions of responsibility such as Year Prefect and Secretary of the school Irish Committee have enhanced both my confidence and leadership skills. I have also shown an ability to balance these extra-curricular activities with my academic studies, evident in my strong examination results.

Overall, I believe that my abilities and positive work ethic would make a great contribution to Byrne Wallace and an internship at the firm would be an excellent opportunity for me to further develop my transferrable skills and gain crucial practical experience in corporate law.

Thank you for your consideration. I can be reached at [rossmcg97@gmail.com](mailto:rossmcg97@gmail.com) or +353872908090. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Faithfully,

Ross McGrath