Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to apply for a place in the ByrneWallace Summer Intern Programme 2020. I attach my CV and hope you will consider me as a candidate for your program.

While I am currently attending Bocconi University in Milan, on my Erasmus placement, I will of course be able to complete a Skype interview at your convenience.

There are a multitude of reasons why I would be honoured to be accepted into ByrneWallace's programme, most notably due to the firm's reputation both within Ireland and on a global scale. For me personally, the idea of working within a firm such as ByrneWallace, which is at the forefront of an industry and, which is looking towards the future, excites me immensely. Due to the natural limitations of a university degree, I have not been able to explore as many areas of the law as I would like to at this stage, however the variety of Practice Areas in ByrneWallace would enhance my knowledge in different areas of Commercial Law.

ByrneWallace in particular appeals to me greatly as a firm that is hugely dedicated to their CSR efforts. I really admire the range of charity work and work within the community in which ByrneWallace engages and I would cherish the opportunity to work in a firm which places ethics at the core of its beliefs.

If chosen to take part in the programme, I would welcome the opportunity to enhance my knowledge in the areas of Litigation, Intellectual Property Law, Technology Law and Data Protection Law. These areas of law intrigue me as society moves further and further into a world where data has become the new oil, where the law is constantly seeking to keep pace in this dynamic market. That being said, I would also love to expand into different practice areas to which I have had no exposure.

My college and work experiences to date have equipped me with a desire to pursue a career in the legal profession. I enjoy the high paced environment whilst also focusing on the necessary essentials of research, drafting and indeed the procedural aspects of the law. I have shown this particularly during my time with Meagher Solicitors last summer, where I was exposed to both the high-tempo and more analytical sides of the profession.

I am very aware of the need to complete tasks effectively & efficiently, to use my initiative where required, to improvise in high pressure situations, to always go above & beyond and to judge when to seek advice and feedback. I always believe in delivering a high standard of work and get a real sense of self-satisfaction as a result. As you will see from my CV, I have demonstrated these qualities in my various work experiences. From my CV, it should also be evident that I work very well in team environments, from playing team sports, to leading retreats and prefects.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to meet with you so that I can discuss my experiences and my future career aspirations.

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