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I am a final year law student in NUI Galway. I want to apply for the Byrne Wallace Internship programme in the summer of 2019. I learned about the opportunity in a newsletter from the School of Law. I feel confident that I could contribute significantly in such a position.

In early 2014 I made the decision to change careers. Having worked in IT for many years, I felt as though I had achieved everything I had set out to do, and was not particularly enamoured with the prospect of continuing indefinitely on that path. After a brief reflection, I recalled wanting to join the police when I was younger, but didn’t feel that was the kind of interaction I now wanted to have with the legal system. I had a stronger drawing toward legal practice, and research, with the end goal of becoming a Solicitor, and possibly engaging in more academic work later. In spring 2015 I applied, and was accepted to the Joint Arts programme at NUI Galway with the intention of studying Philosophy and Legal Studies. After completing the BA programme I continued to the final year of the LLB, where I am now.

I have developed a strong interest in a broad range of topics, particularly Administrative, Land, European Union Law, and Equity and Trusts. My joint degree in philosophy has also helped me develop an ability to think about situations and problems for as many perspectives as possible, and to find the best solution. Working in IT has taught me significant problem solving skills, and how to work as part of a team and on my own initiative. I particularly enjoy the process of researching and developing solutions to a problem.

I have included a copy of my CV, which highlights my academic achievements to date. I look forward to hearing from you, and hope you find this information useful.

Sincerely

Shane Cunningham