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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a diligent, inquisitive and enterprising UL law graduate. I am interested in acquiring a summer internship role with Byrne Wallace. I was immediately drawn to Byrne Wallace because of its renowned legal expertise in the field of mergers and acquisitions. The firm has advised on an impressive repertoire of deals such as advising Nuvo Pharmaceuticals (Ireland) DAC on the acquisition of a number of pharmaceutical assets, as part of the completion by Nuvo of the acquisition of Aralez Pharmaceuticals Inc. which motivated me to apply. I would love the opportunity to work on complex and challenging deals.

My ability to succeed at Byrne Wallace is reflected in my strong legal and business acumen. I am currently pursuing an LL.M. degree in International Commercial Law at the University of Limerick. This has helped me to acquire an extensive knowledge of how commercial law is applied in multi-jurisdictional scenarios. I am on track for a first class honours degree in the LL.M. programme and have received the UL President's Letter for the high marks I obtained in my end of term exams. In 2019, I completed an LL.B. degree achieving a 2.1 grade at the University of Limerick.

The firm's modern approach to legal issues which embraces technology appeals to me. My experience working with legal technology and my ability to think innovatively would help me flourish at Byrne Wallace. As part of my final year project, I designed a legal app with two other students which functions as a 'Learning and Compliance Tool for Company Directors.' The app placed first in the Neota Logic Legal Technology App Competition held at UL's School of Law in May 2019. I believe that the problem-solving skills which I have obtained by participating in this pioneering project would help me excel in a fast-paced, dynamic role where I am challenged to create inventive solutions in a rapidly evolving business environment.

I would thrive at Byrne Wallace as I am confident in my ability to communicate my ideas clearly and effectively to others. Last semester, I was employed as a teaching assistant in UL. My role involved delivering tutorials on behalf of the UL School of Law in the module Media Law. This experience enhanced both my oral and presentation skills by teaching students how to effectively answer legal essay and problem questions in preparation for their end of term assessment. These skills I have acquired would make me a valuable asset to your firm.

Byrne Wallace places an emphasis on teamwork and I believe that I would fit in seamlessly in this type of workplace environment. This past summer, I gained vital teamwork skills working in the legal department of Pepper Asset Servicing in the securities team. My team was responsible for drafting client correspondence, ATR receipts and other legal documents. From 2017-2018, I was employed in IPS Financial Advice. I was involved on a time constraint project in relation to UK pension contributions which provided me with crucial experience working as part of a team under pressure. My time spent volunteering with Enactus UL on project Moyo-Nua has given me the opportunity work collaboratively with a diverse range of people by coordinating and running workshops as well as pitching our project to various organisations.

My collective experience through my studies, employment and volunteering has allowed me to develop a comprehensive skillset that would make me an excellent candidate for the summer internship programme at Byrne Wallace. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my capabilities in more depth in relation to a potential internship position with your firm. Thank you for taking the time to review my application.

Yours Faithfully,

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