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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a final year BCL student at Dublin City University. I am seeking an exciting and challenging opportunity once I finish my degree and Byrne Wallace’s summer internship programme has stood out to me. I want to gain as much experience as possible through my internship and I know that Byrne Wallace instills great faith and responsibility in their interns allowing them to benefit from the programme immensely. I am excited about experiencing at first hand the role and responsibilities of a trainee solicitor. I look forward to working closely with lawyers and trainees on real transactions and attending and participating in meetings. I aim to expand my knowledge of commercial law by putting the skills I have acquired in college into practice.

It was through my internship at McKeever Rowan that I became certain I wanted to pursue a career as a lawyer. As a full-service law firm, I had the privilege of working in an array of practice areas such as litigation, conveyancing and property law, corporate law and family law. I particularly enjoyed the area of corporate law. I enjoy working closely with corporate clients in helping them achieve their business objectives. As a client focused firm and the only firm to be awarded the Lexcel Standard of Excellence, Byrne Wallace facilitates its employees in developing a real and concrete relationship with their clients. I am interested in the fact that the commercial environment is constantly changing and that the most successful clients are those who anticipate that change and adapt their business accordingly. I was also drawn to family law and was granted the opportunity to work closely with the partner in charge of this department in the firm.

One important differentiator that sets Byrne Wallace apart from its peers is the Corporate Social Responsibility policy, particularly the volunteering aspect of the policy. I am involved in B.I.T.E, the Ballymun Initiative for Third Level Education. This entails DCU students tutoring secondary school students in a disadvantaged school. My involvement in B.I.T.E demonstrates initiative, commitment and leadership; all qualities that I know are essential to a career in law. In addition to B.I.T.E, I also play Gaelic football. I continued to play throughout my Erasmus and my J1 last summer in New York. I have coached younger teams in my club as part of the Gaisce President’s award. As a coach and a captain of my team, I have gained excellent communication, delegation and organizational skills as well as responsibility and accountability. I was also granted my first preference for my Erasmus last year which was the University of Stirling in Scotland. I managed to strike the balance of my year abroad perfectly by maintaining a 2:1 average, playing Gaelic football and working part time. I believe time management is an extremely important skill which is required as an intern. I have further displayed excellent time management skills by keeping up my part time job this year. I have worked in the local bar in my village since I started college. I aim to bring excellence to all that I do and hope to adopt this same approach to Byrne Wallace and its clients.

I really appreciate being given the opportunity to apply for such a prestigious internship with Byrne Wallace and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Vanessa Frawley.