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Dear Graduate Recruitment,

I am writing to apply for a place on the Byrne Wallace 2023 Internship Programme.

I am a second year Law with Social Justice student at UCD. Having come across your firm's internship, I was attracted to the opportunity as it would allow me to gain an insight into the legal work of your firm in the practice areas in which I have developed a keen interest, namely EU Law, Corporate Immigration, Child Care Law and Litigation & Dispute Resolution.

I am a hardworking student with a strong academic record. I was awarded an academic scholarship to my first secondary school, Drogheda Grammar School, where I excelled in numerous areas of diligence, academics and sport. I then went on to the Institute of Education in Dublin for my Senior Cycle, where I achieved 589 points in the Leaving Certificate.

My interest in the career of a solicitor began as an undergraduate, when I developed a growing interest in not only understanding the way in which society and the law interact, but also in devising solutions to the issues of injustice that sometimes arise in the legal system and affect diverse groups of people. In my studies so far, I have developed an interest in criminal law, family law and immigration. I also developed excellent attention to detail and good legal writing skills. I am also currently studying for two FE1's in Contract and EU Law this March, with the aim of further broadening my legal knowledge and preparing myself for my future career as a solicitor.

As an Irish person of Lithuanian heritage, I am also bilingual in English and Lithuanian. My multicultural outlook may also be an asset to your firm, particularly in the areas of immigration and international law.

Outside of my academic pursuits, I have played a full and active role in the UCD community. I am a member of the UCD Student Legal Service, where I provide assistance to those facing legal issues in areas such as employment and tenancy. I have also volunteered with the CARA exchange programme, meeting with ERASMUS students and advising them on their studies and social activities in Dublin. I have also participated in the Matheson Negotiation Competition against fellow students and the Universitas 21 & Common Purpose Global Citizenship 3-week programme, where I engaged with students from around the world on how younger generations are striving to tackle the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

In terms of work experience, I have worked part-time in restaurants, cafes and bars, which has enabled me to develop several key transferable skills such as strong interpersonal skills, teamwork, the ability to multi-task and adapt to a changing environment.

I believe that my strong academic record, combined with my keen interest in the areas of law in which your firm specialises, make me a strong candidate for a summer internship at Byrne Wallace. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration, and I hope to have the opportunity to interview with you.