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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Jessie Murphy. I am a final year law student at Trinity College Dublin. I am writing to apply for a summer internship position in Byrne Wallace. I am determined, enthusiastic and hard-working, which I have shown consistently through my academic career at both Leaving Certificate and University levels. I appreciate learning and always endeavour to pick-up and master new skills in different areas. This makes me a very adaptable candidate for a career in law, specifically corporate law, as I can approach new challenges passionately and consistently produce high results.

I developed a keen interest in a legal career through my year-long exchange in Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto Canada. Studying at a post-graduate level was demanding and challenging. There was a particular focus on research and legal writing, which are important skills for a lawyer to possess. My classes had a procedural and court-centric focus which has only inspired my passion for a legal career. I undertook courses such as Business Associations, International Law and Development: Trade, Investment and Human Rights and Individual employment law, where I worked closely with professors who were actively practicing in the commercial field, this gave me insight into the realities of a career in law. Improving these skills at such a high level has made me confident in my work, and allowed me to think more broadly, which is important when forming creative legal arguments. Having both international and domestic commercial awareness is important to a firm like Byrne Wallace, and I understand as a global business, how important broad and well-rounded thinking is for clients who may need advice in varying areas of expertise.

In my final year I have been fortunate to have been able to take-up an intern-position with Pearts Solicitors. This has given me useful practical experience as I get an insight into the daily operations of a small firm. I have had first experience with the challenges faced in this practice and I have thrived in this dynamic environment. This has helped me to decide to pursue a career in corporate law.

I am attracted to Byrne Wallace because of its reputation in the global market, but also, its admirable corporate culture which encourages collaboration and support. I am a curious individual and the opportunity to work closely with esteemed partners and up-and-coming trainees would be exciting. I am particularly interested in the cross-over between law and business and Byrne Wallace is a pioneer in this area. I was interested to read about their support for the CIPD Employment Law Seminar 2024. The topics for discussion not only demonstrate the interesting cross-sector collaboration opportunities but also the forward thinking mindset of the firm. Being one-step-ahead for clients is an important part of this firm's ethos, which is admirable and sets it apart from others. An example of this is Byrne Wallace's leading role in the tech space, and as a current student of EU law modules at Trinity, I was interested to read about Byrne Wallace's collaboration at the EU Digital Regulation discussions in Brussels.

This year in Trinity I have been elected Year Representative. It is a crucial year for both myself and my peers. This position entails leadership and the opportunity to represent my class which involves high levels of communication and problem-solving skills.

I am currently working part-time in The Butler's Pantry. In retail, client relations and efficient communication are important, these skills are transferable to the corporate field. Working in small teams has taught me accountability and organisation also. I have past work experience as a life-guard, although not typically applicable to the legal field I have learnt valuable lessons. I thrive in high pressure situations and can overcome any challenge, even if unforeseen.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Jessie Murphy