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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter regarding my application to the reputable Byrne Wallace Summer Internship programme 2023. As my Curriculum Vitae indicates, I am a recent graduate of Corporate Law (International), currently residing and working in Germany as an English Language Assistant. My international experience has broadened both my hard and soft skills, especially in the areas of intercultural communication, adaptability, determination and problem-solving. I chose to pursue a career in law as I have always had an inherent interest in the Irish legal system and its constant evolving nature whether it be in the form of EU Regulations such as GDPR, Freedom of Information or the recent Planning and Development Bill 2022. Following current affairs and recent cases has been second nature to me, even prior to studying law, as I always strived to develop a strong commercial awareness.

During my legal assistant role in T Mullan & Co., I was able to put my academic capabilities and legal knowledge to practical use in the areas of probate, conveyancing and medical negligence which developed my drafting, litigation and organisational skills. I would enjoy to the opportunity to expand my legal knowledge further, in one of these areas I have mentioned or in the area of Employment Law. I thoroughly enjoyed studying both Employment Relations and Alternative Dispute Resolution, both of which I received a 1st class honours grade.

The opportunity to work in a top commercial firm like Byrne Wallace is so attractive for an aspiring intern like myself for so many reasons. Firstly, the firm has a cemented reputation as one of the best law firms in Ireland and has been accoladed with several awards for financial and insolvency services. I truly admire the firm’s ethos surrounding their Corporate Social Responsibility, which enhances the firm’s client and employee relationships. The collaborative nature of Byrne Wallace means that interns are treated as an integral part of the firm and are provided opportunities to advance their professional development by working alongside professionals who are experts in their fields. The emphasis Byrne Wallace puts on their internship programme gives me the impression that interns are guided throughout the programme in an empowering and approachable manner.

As an avid traveler, the opportunity to work overseas and experience the work culture in Germany has been amazing. In my spare time I have been able to explore various cities in Germany and destinations in the rest of Europe and I have also made lifelong friends in the process. Apart from travelling really enjoy going to the gym and attending yoga classes. In Ireland, I enjoy kayaking, swimming and fishing as I am lucky enough to live beside a lake. While studying in Galway, I volunteered with the Claddagh Watch Patrol, a suicide prevention organisation which safeguards and protects the public from the waterways in Galway city. I found it to be the most rewarding experience to work on a team of such extraordinary people. Last year, I also joined the Youth Advisory Panel with Plan Ireland where I became involved in advocacy against gender-based violence and better sexual education in primary and secondary schools, particularly on the issue of consent. We created reports and lobbied the government for change in these areas. Currently, I am studying for my first sitting of the FE1 examinations in March 2023 which I hope to complete by next year.

I believe that the unique capabilities and experience I have outlined above can set me apart from other applicants as I would bring a different perspective to the intern team in Byrne Wallace. My academic performance in University, in which I ranked fifth in my course instance is a further testament of my ambitious and driven nature and desire to perform well, which I believe makes me a suitable candidate for an internship position at Byrne Wallace. Thank you for taking the time to consider my application.

Sincerely,

Katie Feerick.