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***Cover Letter: Byrne Wallace LLP Summer Internship 2023***

My name is Maeve Gjerde and I am a 23 year old girl, from Stavanger, Norway. I am currently completing my fourth and final year of an undergraduate degree in law (LLB) at Trinity College Dublin. I graduate in May 2023 and hope to train as a solicitor after. Hence, I wish to apply for the Byrne Wallace summer internship programme, as advertised on your website.

I started studying law in Ireland due to my general interest in social studies and the different structures that make up society, whilst also having an interest in learning about another culture and improving my level of English. I spent my third year of studies in Paris, France on an Erasmus exchange year where I studied at Université Paris-Saclay. The year in Paris gave me insight into the French legal system, whilst also introducing me to several aspects of EU-law and International Economic law. The experiences and knowledge I gained from my first three years of university helped me realise that I wanted to focus on commercial/corporate oriented law for my final year, partly due to personal interest and partly due to relevant job opportunities. Hence, I am currently studying European competition law, company law, commercial law and writing a thesis about law, sustainability, and finance.

I am applying for the Byrne Wallace summer internship programme as I believe I am a good candidate for the programme. My experiences with moving to different countries and meeting people of different backgrounds has improved my ability to adapt to people and situations, and given me a unique understanding of different cultures, customs and means of communication. I have worked as a summer substitute for a "legal assistant" at Schjødt (law firm in Stavanger, Norway), an experience that gave me valuable insight into a busy, fast-paced office environment. Studying law has improved my ability to express myself written and orally in an efficient and convincing manner and given me a good academic foundation that I hope will benefit me in a potential internship at Byrne Wallace. It is my understanding that Byrne Wallace are highly experienced in advising clients with competition related issues. This is an area of law I have studied and found very interesting. In addition, I see that Byrne Wallace advise on matters related to sustainable finance. I am currently in the process of writing my capstone project about sustainability reporting, with particular focus on materiality and the new EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive. Through this project, my passion for sustainable finance has increased. Taking all this into consideration, I would be very eager to complete an internship at a law firm with such high expertise in so many areas of commercial law.

Finally, I should add that I am reliable, responsible, curious and solution oriented. I am very service minded and conscious of producing work of high quality. In general, I am a sociable person that enjoys working alongside people or in teams. I am independent, but also not afraid to ask for help or guidance when I need it. Byrne Wallace is a recognized law firm with broad expertise. Thus, I would not underestimate the opportunity to learn, develop and work at Byrne Wallace. I hope you will consider me for the internship programme.

With best regards,

Maeve Gjerde