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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a determined and enthusiastic University College Dublin (“**UCD**”) Masters Law Student and I wish to apply for the Summer Internship Programme at Byrne wallace.

I strongly believe that my skills and competencies make me highly suitable for a career in law. I studied Economics at undergraduate level, at UCD. During my studies, I learned how to develop and argue points in relation to economic policies and legislation. I also have a background in statistics and data. However, my preference is to take on a role which involves working as part of a team and providing bespoke legal advice to clients. Essentially, I wish to work in a role which involves human connection and collaboration. Throughout my undergraduate studies I have been trained to question assumptions, evaluate evidence and analyse complex data sets. I have learned to identify trends and relationships. This skillset can be applied to a career in law where I will have to use legal reasoning, analyse legislation and provide tailored advice to clients, based on their specific business needs. In addition, my background will be helpful in a legal context where formulating arguments based on the law is crucial. I will apply these skills and I will ensure to fulfill clients’ particular business needs, as part of a team.

During Transition Year, I had the opportunity to shadow a partner in Alastair Purdy & Co Solicitors (“**Purdy Solicitors**”) in Galway. Purdy Solicitors specializes in Employment Law. I had first hand exposure to the modus operandi of a working solicitor. I sat in on meetings with clients, proof read affidavits and ancillary documentation, as well as sitting in on hearings. I attended a number of consultations with clients and I prepared Briefs for Counsel. Separately, I spent a week in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (the “**DPP**”) where I attended trials in the Dublin Criminal Courts. My legal work experiences have affirmed my desire to pursue a career as a solicitor.

I am resilient, motivated and I am committed to my goals. I recently spent three months in New Zealand, as part of the Crusaders International Rugby Academy. I trained and played with many of the best players in New Zealand, including those who were involved in beating Ireland in the Quarter Final of the 2023 Rugby World Cup. This experience has changed my outlook on work in general. In this world class performance environment, I was exposed to the formula of a seven time winning sports franchise. Preparation, effort and execution were their core values. As a result of this experience, these values are instilled in me. If successful in my application to the Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Programme, I will display these values and my work ethic.

Why Byrne Wallace:

I am drawn to the prospect of a summer internship at Byrne Wallace because of the opportunity to immerse myself in a renowned employment law practice. The firm's diverse

client base, from private sector companies to government bodies, presents an ideal environment for learning and growth.

At Byrne Wallace, the emphasis on partner-led collaboration creates a deeper connection with clients and allows hopeful interns like myself to be exposed to lawyers at the top of their game. The firm's expertise across various areas of Irish law promises exposure to a wide range of legal challenges and solutions, offering invaluable hands-on experience. As an intern, I aspire to not only refine my legal skills but also to gain a deeper understanding of how legal principles intersect with real-world business. Byrne Wallace's reputation for providing top-tier service and its dedication to understanding clients' needs align perfectly with my career aspirations, making it an ideal setting for me to thrive and contribute meaningfully.

I attended the UCD Law Fair and I had the opportunity to meet trainees and newly qualified solicitors. These Byrne Wallace trainees and solicitors spoke of the energy and determination, which is exhibited across the firm. I believe that I would thrive in such an environment, as an Intern, a Trainee, and ultimately a Solicitor. I would be delighted to have the opportunity to participate in the Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Programme.

I hope this application is of interest to you. I would very much welcome the opportunity to take part in an interview and I would be more than happy to expand on the above.

Thank you in anticipation for your time and consideration.

Yours Faithfully,

Thomas Mulcair