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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to express my interest in your internship programme. My motivation for applying to Byrne Wallace was that I believe this firm reflects the standard of practitioner that I wish to become. My attention was first drawn to your graduate programmes from on-campus talks as well as the glowing reports that you have received in the 2019 Trendence Graduate Barometer. Along with your high-end and specialist work, the other facet of your firm that captured my interest was your continued CSR work; ranging from educational, in the case of St John of God, to healthcare, at Our Lady’s Hospice. I believe that I mirror this charitable nature myself, which is shown by my constant engagement in volunteering and educational activities, further detailed in my CV.

Working in an industry as competitive as corporate law is intellectually demanding and immersive. I have displayed an ability to meet these requirements by achieving First-Class Honours to date, currently placing me 2nd out of 28 students, in the most exclusive Law program in UCC. Along with my academic successes, I was elected as Finance Officer of the UCC Law Society for this year, following a debate and election campaign. This role displays my responsible and co-operative nature, as well as my leadership and networking skills.

It is my contention that along with possessing the requisite temperament and traits for a position as an Intern in your establishment, I also have relevant work experience which would enhance my value over other that of other applicants. I have interned in the Tax and Legal Services Department of PWC, as well in the offices of Daly Derham Donnelley Solicitors, Cork. In these roles, I was delegated tasks including; researching tax legislation, editing and drafting documents, as well as meeting clients with senior colleagues. In addition to my practical experience, I believe that my innovative flair would complement the culture of your organisation. This is best colourised by my decision to create a new Munster-wide Moot Court and Debating competition in 2015. This event attracts over 100 second-level students annually, along with 40 third-level adjudicators. We have also recently negotiated a partnership and sponsorship deal with the Cork County Council.

I am certain that my experience and academic achievements would make me a suitable candidate for this position as well as a valuable asset to your firm. I appreciate your consideration of my application and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours Faithfully,

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