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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a recent graduate of University College Dublin, holding a Bachelor of Civil Law degree, interested in applying for a role as an intern in your firm. I have successfully completed my first sitting of the Law Society Fe1 exams and will be sitting my final set in October 2019.

Since leaving college I have worked in the commercial legal department of an international financial technology company. Working in-house has taught me how to take detailed legal information and relay it a clear and concise manner, which members of other teams can easily understand. As I worked on the commercial legal team, most of my daily interactions were between the finance and sales teams, from which I have learned to build strong interpersonal working relationships, both within my legal team and the business end of the company.

I have a strong interest in politics and current affairs, which can be seen through my subject choices and extra-curricular activities. In secondary school as part of my work experience I worked in Fine Gael headquarters, which only deepened my interest further. During the 2016 general election I worked for Mary Mitchell O'Connor. I worked closely with Mary in facilitating the varying challenges that arose during the campaign. The most valuable take away was the learned through the high-pressured environment which engulfs an election campaign. This fostered my ability to appreciate the importance of the small day to day details towards ultimately achieving a larger goal for the candidate. The environment was fast-paced and challenging at times, but I feel this is an environment in which I thrive and has led to the enhancement of my skill set. It has instilled a greater confidence in myself and my abilities. Many times during canvassing or events canvassers may be subject to verbal abuse or highly emotional situations. The experience has given me a thick skin and heightened my communication and listening skills.

My main interest is in the area of business and financial law, with a particular interest in insolvency law and restructuring, as seen through my subject choices and my summer internship in Deloitte Corporate Finance. Interning as part of a small intake in Deloitte allowed me to gain hands on experience in the fundamentals of Receiverships. My interest in this area was first peaked while studying in Connecticut where I took classes in US Bankruptcy law and attended additional evening lectures on the solvency on insurance companies. Upon returning to UCD I took further classes in Irish insolvency law.

I believe Byrne Wallace would be an excellent fit for me in the furtherance of my legal career. Particularly in respect to your corporate restructuring and insolvency department. I would appreciate the opportunity immensely and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,  
Ailbhe Hennessy