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Byrne Wallace
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Dear Byrne Wallace,

I am writing to apply for the Byrne Wallace 2017 Summer Internship Programme. I am a recent graduate from University College Dublin, with a first class honours degree in Philosophy, and am currently working as a Research Assistant at Oxford Brookes University whilst sitting my FE-1 examinations.

Through participating in university societies such as the Commerce & Economics Society and the Student Legal Service, I have gained a valuable insight into how the commercial and legal landscapes intertwine and complement each other. My internship with Sherbornes Solicitors along with my current role as a Research Assistant have equipped me with the commercial awareness and legal knowledge that will be necessary to a career in corporate law. Gathering and evaluating data for the analysis of diverging approaches to educational teaching, at Oxford Brookes, has sharpened my ability to swiftly analyse information at speed and in a meticulous manner, while participating in negotiating and debating competitions has exposed to me the interactive side of law. These experiences have provided me with the soft skills necessary to pursue a career in corporate law and I believe Byrne Wallace is the firm that could provide me with the hard skills to be successful in this field.

Another attribute of Byrne Wallace that appeals to me is the firm's emphasis on excellence and their commitment to corporate social responsibility. I take pride in both my work and studies and believe that my academic achievements reflect this. In 2016, I was the sole undergraduate to be awarded a scholarship to attend the highly accredited international philosophy conference in Paris, *Symposium Thomisticum*, and in 2015 I was humbled to have been awarded the Conor Martin Memorial Award for academic achievement.

Byrne Wallace's work with pupils St John of God school sparked an interest in me as I have spent time volunteering to teach young people with learning and/or physical disabilities trampolining. The voluntary scheme that I have been involved in enables the students to experience sporting activities that their schools would otherwise have been unable to support. If I were successful in my application, I would love to get involved in similar voluntary schemes with Byrne Wallace.

After meeting many colleagues within your organisation at networking events in UCD, I have received a valuable insight into the firm and its mission. Business can and should be a force for good and I would love to contribute and add value to the good work carried out by Byrne Wallace. I want to work at the forefront of the Irish legal market in a firm where my input is valued by like minded individuals and where my input adds value. The holistic approach to training, the broad range of specialisms offered, and the innovative culture of Byrne Wallace would make an excellent foundation to a career in corporate law.

I extend many thanks in advance for taking the time to consider my application and greatly look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Bethan Murphy-Hand