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To the Manager of the Trainee Programme,

My name is Cormac Tighe and I am writing to you today to apply for a Summer Internship with Byrne Wallace for summer 2019. I am a graduate in Economics and History from UCD and I am currently in my final year in the Masters in Common Law course in UCD Sutherland School of Law. I am currently on a high 2.1 grade point average and I am confident that I will carry this grade to the end of my master’s degree.

Byrne Wallace appeals to me on a number of levels. My first interaction with the firm was at the UCD Law Fair where I met a number of trainees. It was refreshing to talk to trainees that originally came from a non-legal academic background the same as myself. What struck me as impressive was the respect and opportunities given to such graduates by Byrne Wallace and to work at a firm that employs people from such diverse academic backgrounds that may be able to think in unique ways would be beneficial to me. Secondly, the great depth of skills and practice areas covered by Byrne Wallace shows me that Byrne Wallace is a top class firm in terms of service provided to clients. This wide array of expertise appeals greatly to me as I seek the best possible legal training with practitioners at the forefront of their fields to help me kick-start my career as a solicitor.

My skill-set has been developed the past few years through my work experiences, volunteering and extra-curricular activities and would be of particular benefit to any legal work I may be assigned at Byrne Wallace. My work experience with Jennifer Cuffe B.L. and Councillor Sorcha McAnespy both improved my interpersonal and communication skills, which is essential for dealing with clients. My volunteer work with Youth Suicide Prevention Ireland proves I am an efficient and effective worker especially when it comes to prioritising goals for completion and event management. My time on numerous UCD Student Society Committees including UCD Fianna Fáil as Chairperson and the UCD International Student Society as a finance officer helped me develop a keen eye for detail, an adeptness for drafting important documents and good debating skills. Finally, my dogged drive and determination to complete every goal I set or every task asked of me is epitomised in my membership of Kilglass Gaels GAA Club at home in Roscommon as I personally won the club’s Most Dedicated Player of the Year Award in 2014, helping to steer the adult men’s team through one of our most difficult years ever. This drive has continued the past few years and culminated as Kilglass clinched the 2018 Roscommon Junior Football Championship after a third county final in 3 years.

All of these skills are readily transferrable to the legal profession and to the work of an Byrne Wallace Summer Intern. If I am chosen for interview, I aim to give you all a fuller impression as to what I can offer your firm and to do my very best to make the most of this opportunity.

I want to thank you for considering my application and I look forward to hearing back from you in due course.

Sincerely,
Cormac Tighe.