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To whom it may concern,

My name is Doireann McCarthy, and I am a third year law student in Trinity College Dublin, currently studying in the University of Helsinki. With this letter I wish to express my strong interest in a summer internship in Byrne Wallace, as I believe the open and interactive environment is perfectly suited to my skills, and would offer an ideal introduction to my desired future career.

Ever since attending my first Careers Fair during my freshman year, I have admired the collaborative social ethos promoted by your excellent international firm, and have looked forward to the opportunity to immerse myself in an atmosphere that places such an emphasis on client service, knowledge, and joint development. Furthering my learning has always been of paramount importance to me, and I strive to achieve a holistic education based off both academic expertise and practical experience. This is one of the fundamental reasons as to why I chose to participate in an international exchange programme. Since spending my childhood in Spain, I have been interested in international cultures, and upon commencing my college degree, this interest extended in to the legal systems and practices adopted in other states. Attending the University of Helsinki has taught me to adapt to a new society and integrate myself into different environments, while also facilitating the examination of legal procedure in a civil law system with incredible foresight and efficiency. This invaluable experience has allowed me to engage in comparative analysis of alternate legal systems, and the way in which they may influence each other.

Although I have thoroughly enjoyed my studies thus far, especially in modules such as Law of International Organisations and Company and Securities Law, which I am currently undertaking, I would relish the opportunity to apply my acquired knowledge and gain practical experience. I believe Byrne Wallace provides the ideal environment for my growth both as a person and as a lawyer. The focus on building a personalised client relationship based on trust and shared wisdom represent the values I wish to uphold in my future career. The customer service experience gained through my previous employment has instilled in me a strong work ethic and skills in effective communication and cooperation, which I have also applied in my roles as a secondary school mentor and college tutor. I am excited to incorporate such qualities in my hopeful role as an intern this coming summer.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to consider my application, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Doireann McCarthy