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To whom it may concern,

I am a final year law student at University College Dublin. I am writing to apply for the ByrneWallace 2018 summer internship programme.

I have a particular interest in ByrneWallace as I am looking for an internship where I will have the opportunity to be exposed to interesting and complex legal matters. Having researched the bigger law firms thoroughly, ByrneWallace stands out due to its strong client focus. As a full service law firm with a wide client base, I believe an internship with ByrneWallace would be invaluable learning experience. Furthermore, with regards to the number of accolades and awards which the firm has obtained I would be very interested in learning and experiencing how the firm invests in developing its people and helping them reach their potential, so that they can maintain such a high level of client service.

During my time at UCD I have consistently obtained a 2:1 grade whilst being continuously employed and also maintaining my extra-curricular activities. I have been actively involved in various activities and volunteering opportunities within UCD. Currently I am volunteering with HeadstARTS who are running art classes for individuals with learning difficulties on UCD Campus every Thursday. I have previously had the opportunity to volunteer with the Jack and Jill Foundation and a local charity shop. I also have strong research and writing skills. Recently a piece which I wrote and submitted to the national inaugural Law Ireland Student Competition was selected as runner-up. At present I am working with UCD's Student Legal Service and have written a piece which will be published in this year's publication "80 Years of Bunreacht na hÉireann".

Over the course of summer 2017 I had the opportunity to intern with William Fry's tax department for a number of weeks and also with KPMG's FS tax department. During both of these internships I was tasked with a high level of responsibility. I was able to develop an understanding of the kinds of skills which are required to work in a commercial law firm, including the ability to work within a team, to be self-driven, to ask questions and to have strong research and writing skills. I believe that my previous experience has provided me with skills which ByrneWallace will find useful.

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

Kind regards,

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