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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to apply for the 2017 Summer Internship at Byrne Wallace. I am a 22-year-old postgraduate student currently studying the Masters of Common Law at University College Dublin. I am a graduate of BA History, Politics and International Relations in UCD and achieved a First Class Honours Degree. I was awarded the UCD Sutherland School of Law Scholarship on receipt of my acceptance to the Masters in Common Law for my academic excellence. I intend to maintain this standard of academic achievement in my postgraduate programme, while excelling in areas of research, analysis and presentation.

I am extremely interested in this internship programme as I know it would give me the opportunity to develop the essential experience for a successful career in law. Byrne Wallace would provide me with opportunities to work in a leading Irish firm which encompasses many of the values I possess in both a personal and professional capacity; integrity, diversity, and progressiveness. My career aspirations have stemmed from my keen interest in problem solving and thinking strategically. My undergraduate degree provided me with the opportunity to develop these skills to an extremely high standard and these skills will be further enhanced by my study of law at Masters level. I am also determined to build on this while learning from expert leaders in the fields which I am interested in such as litigation and dispute resolution, commercial contracts, property, and EU competition law.

A significant area of interest for me is European law and politics in a corporate and commercial sense. I am especially interested in the impact that Brexit will have on these areas of law in Ireland. I have written on the implications of Brexit during my time as Business Writer for independent student newspaper, The College Tribune. This year I was offered a scholarship to complete a supplementary diploma in European and International studies. This requires me to travel to Brussels and Luxembourg to visit EU institutions and complete additional academic assessment. This will further enhance my awareness and knowledge of the EU in a legal context. I would be extremely grateful for the opportunity to learn from your team dedicated to dealing with the legal issues surrounding Brexit.

I am confident that I can bring a crucial set of skills to this programme. My work experience with the British Council has taught me how to manage and communicate in a high pressured environment. My role as a Residential Assistant for UCD allowed me to develop my teamwork skills while building a sense of community for students by organising social and informative events, which included mental health awareness days. Throughout my time as Business Writer for The College Tribune, I wrote about domestic and international political economy issues and was named 'International Policy Commentator of the Year'. I gained valuable experience from this, specifically in the areas of business research, time management, and written communication. Furthermore, I have developed my leadership skills through dedication to my role as Peer Mentor and Tutor for UCD Access Centre. I have always considered this level of engagement in my college community as a testament to my hard-working and enthusiastic personality. I also enjoy developing my advocacy and public-speaking skills through Mooting Competitions. I have taken part in the Cecil Lavery and Vivian Lavan moot court competitions and intend on continuing with them throughout my Masters. I

have balanced these activities with the part-time jobs I have held throughout my education, further building on my ability to multi-task and to work under pressure.

I would consider myself an ideal candidate for this internship and feel my skills and experience would be an asset and that I in turn would gain a valuable learning and working experience with your firm. I have every intention to succeed in my role.

I appreciate your consideration of my application and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Kate Elizabeth Weedy