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Dear Sir/ Madam,

My name is Katie Glennon. I am a final year Trinity College Law School student and am writing to apply for an internship position with Byrne Wallace.

I left my first degree in Fine Art after a year in order to commit myself to a more academic career. I was so determined to study at the best University I repeated my leaving cert in the Institute of Education and improved my first leaving cert grade by over 100 points. Since entering Trinity to study law, I have fully aligned my education to aid my pursuit of an ambitious legal career. Transferring from Law and German to Law in my third year in order to maximise my grades in Law.

I have been determined to gain as much legal experience as possible during my summers in order to stand out from the thousands of applicants I knew I would have to compete against. I have held internship positions this summer in both Deloitte and A&L Goodbody and in my first year of college I travelled to Germany to work for two months in the legal department of the firm Designa. Moving from three different environments in similarly large firms I became accustomed to the much more fast paced working style of the large corporate firm. Therefore I believe that working in a more close knit environment such as in your firm that would be more suited to my learning pace and career ambitions. I have, however used my experience in corporate law to influence my choice of Dissertation on the Companies Act 2014. I believe Byrne Wallace is a great step towards my future as a solicitor in order for me to assist and observe in a smaller firm than I have been used to.

My ambition to immerse myself in the law has led me to engage in a large number of legal extracurricular activities throughout my time in college. In first year I was awarded a place on the Trinity College Law Review as a board member, which cultivated my passion for legal publishing. Due to this I helped to found The Eagle Law Gazette in Trinity College, the first student law gazette of its kind. I have gone on to be elected Deputy Editor In Chief for the coming year.

Following two years of applications, I gained a position as a caseworker on the Innocence Project. I am extremely passionate about my work there with active appeal cases and am hugely proud to be part of the progress made by the organisation both in Ireland and the US.

For the coming year I have also been elected as Disability Ambassador for Trinity College Dublin. This is another cause I am very involved with personally and I work extremely hard to present persuasively to schools, conferences and workplaces about the pressing issues for disabled students leaving college and entering employment.

I know I am an ideal trainee for Byrne Wallace. I have already demonstrated my skills in numerous Corporate Law environments and am already in demand by these companies for traineeships. However I wish to bring my experience and skills to Byrne Wallace.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I very much look forward to your reply in due course.

Yours faithfully,
Katie Glennon

