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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to apply for the position of summer intern as part of the four-week summer internship programme in your Dublin office. I first learned of the Byrne Wallace summer internship programme through LinkedIn and having researched the firm and the areas of law in which it practices in, I have decided to apply for this unique opportunity as I strongly believe I can bring a lot to the capacity and vision of the firm in the future.

From the point of view of a third-year law student, an internship of this calibre is a unique opportunity to gain practical experience and insight into the workings of a corporate law firm. I hope to use this experience and insight in my decision regarding my future career. However, this internship is also an opportunity to contribute to the workings of one of Ireland’s leading law firms. As a member of the Board of Directors of Foróige, and Chair of the Governance Committee of the Foróige Board, I believe that I have the knowledge and skills needed to work as part of a team in one of the many legal areas that Byrne Wallace engages in. As a Director, I have learned a lot about company and charity law, and therefore I would love to put this knowledge into practice through an internship opportunity.

Apart from my motivation to be part of the summer internship programme at Byrne Wallace, I strongly believe that I have the necessary leadership skills to be a successful summer intern. I have demonstrated this leadership experience in college through being a member of the Editorial Board and Case Notes Editor of the Cork Online Law Review, along with studying and travelling in the United States through the U.S. State Department’s Study of the U.S. Institutes program, where I studied and volunteered in the area of civic engagement at the University of South Carolina. This program is administered in Ireland by the Fulbright Commission. This semester, I am studying in the University of Helsinki in Finland as part of the Erasmus program and I strongly believe that these experiences have and will equip me with the resilience and skills needed for life in a corporate firm.

Further to this experience, I have a genuine and real passion for the law, along with legal research and writing. This year, I have been fortunate enough to be published in the current edition of the University College Dublin Law Review for an article entitled, “Voluntarily Patients under the Mental Health Act 2001: Inadequate Protection and Delayed Reform.” Whilst I have a keen interest in medical law, company and data protection law are also of great interest to me. Having studied these modules in college, I would hope to develop this knowledge in a practical setting if chosen for this internship. In addition to this publication, I have been published in the 8th Edition of the Kings Inns Law Review with an article entitled “Kerins v McGuinness and Ors: Oireachtas Inquiries and the Protection of Constitutional Rights: Striking the Right Balance”.

I am very excited about this opportunity and from conversations with trainees, previous interns and others, I strongly believe that I am the right person for this internship. Thank you for taking the time to review my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Liam O’Driscoll