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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to apply for a position on the Byrne Wallace Internship Program, as advertised on the Byrne Wallace website. I am graduate of the Bachelor of Civil Law (International) program in University College Cork during which I undertook a yearlong academic exchange to St Louis University School of Law in Missouri, the United States.

My main areas of interest have always been related to corporate and financial services law and my year abroad in St Louis, studying alongside graduate students, allowed me to tailor my degree towards international business and corporate law. Through a competitive selection process, I was selected by UCC to attend Saint Louis University School of Law for its excellent business concentrations which allowed for a study of international corporate and business law in a global context. Further, under Missouri law Rule 13, students who have completed half of their legal education can represent clients and advocate in court under the supervision of a licensed attorney.

During my year abroad at St Louis University, I worked as a legal intern in the Entrepreneurship and IP Department of Saint Louis University School of Law's legal aid clinic. This has provided me with valuable transactional experience in numerous areas such as asset management, tax, and IP. I have had the occasion to deal with property-related issues, such as Asset Forfeiture and imminent domain cases. With an interest in tax law, I provided counsel to clients to achieve optimum results from a tax perspective. For the extensive work I have undertaken in the clinic, I was nominated for the prestigious David Grant Student Attorney Award for dedication and excellence in the workplace.

Following my penultimate year in America, I completed an internship with Heineken Ireland's in-house legal counsel, where I assisted with company secretarial tasks, including converting Heineken Group memoranda and articles of association to DACS according to recent changes in legislation. Additionally, I was tasked with drafting a wide variety of contracts including supplier, sponsorship and trading agreements and rebate advances. I worked in close proximity and liaised with external counsel on a number of legal issues. Concluding my internship, I was shortlisted for the Student Placement Award 2017 at the University College Cork School of Law and Commerce, for exceptional performance during my placement. Graduating in 2017 with a strong 2h1, I worked as a legal intern in BHK Solicitors for 6 months, assisting with discovery in 2 major commercial cases. I also participated in the preparation and conclusion of property

transactions and conveyancing. As a paralegal for Niall Colgan & Co Solicitors, where I had opportunity to gain a different perspective, assisting in judicial review cases in the context of refugee law. I also conducted extensive legal research in the context of employment and immigration law and assisted in conveyancing. I was further entrusted with representing the firm and attending court on its behalf. Looking for a more challenging and commercially focused environment, I then undertook a paralegal position in Arthur Cox's Legal Technology and Innovation department, where I gained valuable experience in commercial litigation and assisted in administrative tasks in the context of large scale loan portfolio sales for international clients.

I am currently working as a paralegal in Byrne Wallace in a fast-paced, market-leading Property Department. My responsibilities in the department are twofold: assisting in both transactional and litigious matters. Supporting the Construction team, I am tasked with managing construction projects, including the drafting of suites of construction documents, and liaising with Client and Consultants alike. Additionally, my tasks include the preparation of pleadings, assisting in discovery and all litigious matters. Byrne Wallace has been recognized for its outstanding work advising the public sector for many years. As part of their property team, I am also in charge of managing Dublin City Council's Social Housing Acquisitions portfolio comprising of a purchase of more than 100 properties. This varied and challenging task involves assisting solicitors in the conveyancing process, liaising with the client and vendors' solicitors and taking ownership of all administrative matter involved in the acquisition process. Being part of the Byrne Wallace team has allowed me to work alongside outstanding professionals and to challenge myself while taking ownership of high volume projects. My experience working at the firm has grounded my decision to apply for this Traineeship opportunity.

As a dynamic and organised individual, I believe in keeping an effective balance between my academic and extra-curricular activities. During my final year at UCC I was an article editor for the Cork Online Law Review. The work undertaken by the editorial board was not only interesting and rewarding, it also allowed me to keep up to date in current legal developments, and allowed for me to become a better writer. In my free time, I am an avid rock climber and believe that my passion for climbing has always been tied to my ambitious nature, as it allowed me to challenge myself, to set new goals and acquire new achievements, independent of my academic ambitions. I consider having climbed the 2996m Hoher Dachstein Summit my most significant non-academic achievement to date.

I look forward to having the opportunity to discuss the above with you further. While the Byrne Wallace is rightfully reserved for candidates of the highest calibre, I am confident in my ability to succeed in the challenging and internationally-focused work environment you would provide. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I eagerly await your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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