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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to apply for the Summer Internship Programme at Byrne Wallace. I am currently in the process of completing the Postgraduate Diploma in Law at Dublin Institute of Technology. I have an excellent academic record, having achieved a First Class Honours BA Degree in Education with English Literature from the University of Cambridge and an MSc in International Politics from Trinity College Dublin.

I have decided to pursue a career in law as I consider it fundamental to so many facets of society and believe it offers the potential for a challenging and exciting career. While still at school I spent a week in a medium-sized Dublin law firm which gave me a valuable insight into the everyday work of commercial lawyers.

I am particularly interested in working for Byrne Wallace as it is a leading Irish law firm with a strong international dimension and a diverse range of practice areas. Having been raised in Brussels and educated at the European School, I have an interest in Europe and European Law. My Masters thesis focused on the development of EU defence and security policy and the potential consequences for Ireland's policy of neutrality. Having researched the Internship Programme I value the fact that Byrne Wallace offers an opportunity to work within one of the firm's core practice areas and will the role and responsibilities of a trainee solicitor.

I have the teamwork and leadership skills to work in a top law firm like Byrne Wallace. While at Cambridge, I directed three plays. One of these was selected for performance at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in 2014. Managing this production also allowed me to develop considerable business skills: the play was one of the biggest ever commercial successes for a Cambridge production at the Edinburgh festival.

I appreciate that Byrne Wallace has a strong Corporate Social Responsibility Policy. I have participated actively in student campaigns including Cambridge Defend Education and 'Whose University', all of which are student movements which aim to improve inclusivity for minority groups. I also taught primary school children in Zambia as part of a student development scheme run by the European School.

Finally, as my First Class Honours degree from Cambridge attests, I have the academic ability to succeed in a top law firm. I came second in my year and was awarded the 'Shuard/Simms' prize. I also speak fluent French. I hope you will consider me for the Programme. I am available for interview at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Banable