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Dear Ms Murray,

I am a final year BCL with Economics student studying at University College Dublin, and I am very interested in applying to Byrne Wallace to undertake your Internship Programme this summer.

I believe I would be a suitable fit, and an asset for the firm due to my hardworking nature, ability to work as a team player, significant personal achievements and my personal determination. Byrne Wallace has gained clear recognition as diverse law firm with a reputation for excellence in business on both a domestic and international level. I would be excited to learn from one of the best in the industry by immersing myself in such a demanding environment.

Byrne Wallace’s Competition & Regulated Markets department is a major factor attracting me to the firm. As a Law & Economics student, I’ve developed a strong interest in competition law, with a focus on EU competition law. Byrne Wallace’s wide experience advising on EU and trade law excites me and I would be stimulated to intern in this department.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience thus far in the legal world through my various internships, in Moran & Ryan Solicitors, The Massachusetts Appeals Court, The Memmen Law Firm, Chicago and my current legal clerk position at Anthony Joyce Solicitors (detailed on my attached CV). Each of these roles have taught me that my goal of becoming a solicitor is well founded, as I have found the work stimulating and interesting and have received excellent letters of recommendation.

I have always worked hard on my personal achievements, which I believe display the character that makes me a good fit for your firm. As outlined in my CV, I recently passed my grade 7 ballet exam with the Royal Academy of Dance, London, and am currently working towards grade 8, the final non-professional grade. Ballet is a skill requiring stamina, determination and personal discipline. My accomplishments with ballet show my motivated personality and appreciation for hard work.

I have demonstrated my ability to work as a team player through my extracurricular activities. During my second year at UCD, I was appointed Public Relations Officer for the 163rd Committee of the L&H Society, UCD. This role gave me the opportunity to develop my teamwork skills and taught me about partnership and good communication, working to meet deadlines and achieve a common goal.

My time studying abroad demanded that I step outside my comfort zone to deal with new challenges effectively, I would like to bring that ability to bear for Byrne Wallace. Law School in the US is a postgraduate course, and so not only was I competing with classmates of a more mature academic standing than my own, but I was also tackled with learning to engage with the unfamiliar 'Socratic Method' of teaching. The experience taught me that my inner determination is stronger than I had known, while hugely increasing my confidence to speak out and voice my opinions.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application. I have attached an up to date copy of my CV outlining my skills and achievements in more detail. I believe I have a great deal to offer your firm and would be delighted with the opportunity to take part in the Byrne Wallace Internship Programme.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Brown