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To whom it may concern,

My name is Martha McGarry and I am writing to you with keen interest in applying for your summer internship programme at Byrne Wallace. I am a final year law student at UCD with a strong interest in developing my career as a solicitor. I strongly believe that I would make an excellent fit at Byrne Wallace and that the summer internship would present me with the opportunity to prove my skills and suitability.

I have an excellent academic record, achieving 605 Leaving Certificate Points and currently holding a first class honours in my degree. In a recent sitting of the Watson Glaser aptitude test for lawyers, I scored in the 98th percentile of my cohort. This shows that I possess the particular skills and competencies that a lawyer requires. I also have a diverse range of extra curricular activities. I have been a school prefect and student council member, a committee member of UCD SVP and volunteered in a women’s home in Thailand. These experiences have taught me the importance of drive in getting a commercial advantage, whether for a fundraiser or a multinational business. In 2018 I spent six months in Barcelona as part of the Erasmus programme, a character building experience that made me a more adaptable person to new challenges. I strongly believe in giving 100% to every task given to me. This has resulted in people placing great trust in me, both in a professional and personal context. Academically and personally I hold myself to a high standard and am prepared to put in the work to meet it.

This summer I got an opportunity to develop my skills in a legal context while working in the Attorney General’s Office. This experience helped me solidify my ambition to work in a legal context. Here I was able to learn from some of the best lawyers there are. As the top legal advisor to the public sector several years running, I am particularly drawn to Byrne Wallace. I believe my previous intern experience in the Attorney General’s would stand to me here while I simultaneously develop my abilities as a private sector solicitor. I can therefore think of no better place to develop my skills than Byrne Wallace.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss my suitability for the role in more detail with you.

Yours sincerely,

Martha McGarry.