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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to apply for the Byrne Wallace Summer Intern Programme. I have recently completed an internship at the property department of Eversheds Sutherland Solicitors and will sit four FE1 examinations in March. I hold a first-class honours degree in law with politics from University College Dublin and a masters in international law with cum laude distinction from Maastricht University. Through my studies and experience I have developed a keen commercial awareness as well as a passion for law.

After graduating, I secured a position as a parliamentary researcher at GFC Consulting (now Fennell Public Affairs), one of Ireland's leading public affairs consultancies. I was required to research and draft a range of political communications on behalf of clients and to monitor the activities of the Oireachtas, each Government Department and the EU institutions.

Through these activities I gained detailed knowledge of the policies and regulation relevant to commercial operators across a range of sectors. I also acted on my own initiative; I was responsible for flagging important political developments and keeping clients up to date.

I applied for a masters in international law from Maastricht University because it included courses in areas of law which I perceived as highly important for businesses operating in Ireland, such as public procurement law, intellectual property and state aid. As well as studying these issues I became particularly interested in employment law. My masters thesis, on employment in the collaborative economy, will be published in the Spanish Labour Law and Employment Relations Journal.

I am excited that Byrne Wallace is inviting applications for its Summer Intern Programme because I would like to train as a solicitor at Byrne Wallace. The Summer Intern Programme will allow me to experience life as a trainee and to get to know learn how a successful and progressive full-service law firm achieves its targets.

It is also an opportunity for me to show Byrne Wallace what I have to offer as a trainee. I believe the training I have received as a researcher and intern together with my studies have given me the foundation I need to make a valuable contribution at the firm. I enclose my CV and would welcome the opportunity to discuss my application with you.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Naughton