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Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Matthew Murphy and I am a penultimate year student reading Law at Trinity College Dublin. I am writing to you to apply for a position on your 2018 Summer Internship Programme.

I am an enthusiastic and highly motivated young law student, and I believe that I have the capacity to flourish in a programme offered by Byrne Wallace. For example, as a member of the editorial staff of the University Times newspaper, I have developed strong team work, communication and organisational skills, which are paramount to success in any profession, but especially that of a lawyer. I possess excellent leadership skills, to the extent that I was recently appointed by the Editor of the University Times to lead the paper’s coverage of the upcoming Students Union Presidential elections. This will involve leading a team of 10 student journalists, and acting as the main point of liaison with the candidates. My academic record is, and always has been, very strong, and I relish the opportunity to challenge myself academically wherever possible.

These are exciting times to be a lawyer in Ireland. Post-Brexit Ireland will become a hub for international business. Implicit in this role are the key areas of Employment and European Union law. As companies continue to expand, and others chose to relocate here, the need for expert advice in these areas grows exponentially. As the pace of Britain’s withdrawal from the European Union begins to gather pace, numerous high-profile firms will look to relocate to other areas within the European Union. As a well-educated, English speaking country, Ireland should be attractive to these companies. Client companies will need strategic legal advice and assistance in navigating the European Union’s myriad rules and regulations. An ability to communicate this complex web of legislation in a clear and succinct way will prove crucial to the success of Law firm in this environment. As my exam results show, European Union law is an area in which I have excelled and is one which I hope to pursue in the future.

Byrne Wallace is the perfect firm to help me in my ambitions. The firm proudly boasts its expertise in EU law, and has carved out competition law compliance and litigation. Reading about the advice given by the firm on the potential opportunities facing UK based firms post-Brexit highlights the crucial role Byrne Wallace plays in this area. However, I am of course aware that there are many other areas of expertise within the firm, yet all are built on the ethos of approachability, teamwork and innovation, which is integral to the development of all employees, not only as legal professionals, but as people.

I hope that between this letter and my CV, I have been able to convey my passion, motivation and competency to thrive as part of the Byrne Wallace team in a mutually beneficial professional relationship. I urge you therefore to consider me for this opportunity and hope to hear from you soon.

Yours Faithfully,

Matthew Murphy