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Glenageary,
Co.Dublin.
31st January 2019.

To whom it may concern,

I wish to apply for the ByrneWallace summer internship programme 2019 as currently advertised on your website. I am a final year law student in Dublin Institute of Technology.

My interest in law is based on a strong belief that it can and should work for the betterment of society. I formed this opinion arising from volunteer work I have undertaken. This has included working with pilgrims in Lourdes, France for three successive years, where I learnt to appreciate the need for respect for people's rights to health and dignity. I believe that law and legal approaches to the right of access to health care is an important issue. While working in the Irish Federation of University Teachers I became aware of issues of Labour law rights and the legal issues surrounding the rights of employees and employers.

As I have studied law I have found myself increasingly engaged with the complexities of reaching a fair and just outcome to cases. As a third year student I therefore feel a much more precise focus on and understanding of law. This has increased my clarity of understanding legal precepts. As a result I am confident of getting a strong 2:1 in my degree in May.

I am interested in working with ByrneWallace because it is one of Ireland's leading Law firms. I feel that it adopts a pioneering approach to law in all its forms. This was acknowledged through the firm being awarded Law Firm of the Year 2016.

In addition in January this year, ByrneWallace's litigation team highlighted issues around the abuse of social media to spread inaccurate information in legal cases. As a young person I am acutely aware of both the positive and negative influence that social media can have on society in general and young people in particular and consequently its potential to interfere with legal process and especially with the deliberations of juries.

I attach a completed application form and curriculum vitae as requested.

I very much look forward to hearing from you about my application in due course and to an opportunity to both gain practical experience of law and contribute to the work of ByrneWallace.

Yours Sincerely,
Sadhbh Gallagher.