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To whom it may concern,

I wish to apply for the position of summer intern in Byrne Wallace. I am currently in my final year studying law in Trinity College, Dublin. I feel that the opportunity to avail of an internship in your firm would be hugely beneficial for me. I would truly value the opportunity to expand on my legal experience and get a taste of what it is like to work in one of Ireland's premier law firms. I would particularly like to work in Byrne Wallace as although the majority of your practice areas are very interesting for me three of them in particular really appeal to me. These are your childcare law, environmental law and employment law practices. I'm currently studying these three areas of law and they have sparked my interest and so I would love the opportunity to experience them in a practice setting. However, if I am fortunate enough to be successful in my application and am assigned to a team practicing in another area of law I will not be too disappointed as with such a varied practice I am sure I will find the area interesting.

I would relish the opportunity to complete an internship in Byrne Wallace . The varied practice of the firm is the primary reason as the numerous practice areas delve into every sector of the Irish and International economy. Through my interest in current affairs and politics I have developed an awareness of the issues facing these sectors and as Byrne Wallace is so heavily involved in their change and evolution the opportunity to witness what it is like at the legal coalface of these sectors is an opportunity I could not afford to miss. Also as a scout leader I have an interest in child welfare and so that fact that Byrne Wallace is the only major law firm to practice in this area is a major reason as

to why I would like to experience what it is like to work there in the hope of pursuing a traineeship in the firm in the near future.

As I am currently in my fourth and final year of my law degree I have developed a significant amount of academic experience across many different subject areas. As my CV demonstrates I have studied a variety of legal subjects from company law to refugee and immigration law. I feel that my diverse legal foundation will be an asset if my application is successful as I will be able to bring this varied knowledge base to the table. Throughout my studies I have carried out a significant amount of legal research both for academic purposes and voluntarily as I am currently carrying out research for FLAC's submission to the Civil Justice Review. As well as academic experience I also have some legal practice experience. In the summer of first year I was fortunate enough to intern in a busy general practice firm in the city centre. This experience opened my eyes up to the realities of legal practice and was invaluable. Also in September 2017 I carried out my college placement in the legal department of the Immigrant Council of Ireland. This was a fantastic opportunity for me as I was able to engage in the public interest side of law. This coupled with my internship in a general law firm has given me a broad knowledge base of what law is like in practice which I feel would be beneficial for this position.

I hope you consider my application.

Yours sincerely,

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