Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a final-year law student and Scholar of Trinity College Dublin, having been elected to Scholarship in April 2021. I am very interested in participating this summer in the internship programme offered by Byrne Wallace.

I am a conscientious worker, with a passion for law. I have thoroughly enjoyed my degree so far and am eager to obtain practical experience in the legal world. I particularly wish to participate in the programme offered by Byrne Wallace as they operate in the areas of law in which I am hugely interested. The areas I am referring to predominantly are Competition law, Financial Services and Banking and Finance. I find these areas of law to be interesting as they are consequential, challenging in their complexity, and dynamic. Furthermore, these areas involve multiple bodies: the Central Bank of Ireland, the ECB, the Irish Courts, the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission and much EU architecture.

Thus, it is clear that a solicitor must tailor their advice to the specific needs of a client in this area, cognisant of the variety of ways in which the law may interface with parties and/or litigants in these two areas. In addition to these areas, I am also passionate about administrative law and regulatory law. I therefore believe myself to be well suited, as regards my interests, to an internship programme in Byrne Wallace.

Beyond law, I am an avid rugby supporter. I have played rugby since my school days, representing St. Mary’s College in two senior cups in 2017 and 2018. I was a member of the leadership team for the 2018 Senior Cup team, where we advanced to the semi-final for the first time in almost a decade. I captained the u20 team in St Mary’s College RFC in the 2018/19 season, in which we won the Purcell Cup, and have also played for the First XV and J1 teams.

In the Summers of 2019 and 2021, I worked full time as an office assistant in OMAC Mortgages and Finance. Here I picked up many skills I believe would be useful should I be selected for the internship programme in Byrne Wallace. Having managed a number of clients from the introductory stage to securing an Approval in Principle from a lender, I realised the value of a warm and professional relationship with clients, and the importance of ensuring that at all stages of a firm’s dealings with a client, that the client is fully aware and understanding of the work being done on their behalf. I also spent a lot of time doing compliance work, where I learnt the importance of due diligence, recognised the reach of institutions such as the Central Bank, and developed computer skills, using applications such as Word, Excel, Google Docs and Google Sheets.

In conclusion, I am eager to participate in Byrne Wallace’s summer internship programme this summer. I am a conscientious team-player, passionate about the areas of law in which Byrne Wallace operates and eager to gain an insight into the legal world. If I were to be selected for this internship, I would do my utmost to ensure that I personally, and the firm itself, derived maximal value from my participation in the programme, and would be willing to perform any task or work any role assigned to me.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application,

Yours Sincerely,

Sean Heeran