Andrew Walsh 33 Burnaby Heights Greystones Co.Wicklow 24th February 2016

Sinead Fox 88 Harcourt Street Dublin 2

Dear Ms. Fox,

I have recently graduated with a BA (hons) in History and Politics (II.I) from U.C.D and a Master’s degree (II.I) in Modern Irish History also in U.C.D. I am currently studying for a Post-Graduate Diploma in D.I.T which will conclude in May. Throughout my time completing BA and MA degrees I was challenged to develop skills such as writing, research, critical analysis and construction of argument which are essential to becoming a successful solicitor. My ability to perform tasks and assignments involving these skills is evidenced by the grade – II.I – awarded in both degrees.

I understand teamwork is central to Byrne Wallace’s ethos. I have demonstrably shown teamwork aptitudes throughout my work experience in the Beach House pub in Greystones. I have played a vital role in a team of 25 staff members in the Beach House, which has involved liaising with lounge, kitchen, management and other bartenders to deliver a client focused, friendly and efficient service. My ability to function in a team environment is further evidenced by my experience in team sports.

Similarly, when I undertook a placement in Senator Mark Daly’s office in Leinster House, I performed strongly as part of a team in a fast-paced office environment. Attention to detail and accuracy were vital components of my role as a research assistant. I researched and wrote concise explanatory reports for newsletters and social media concerning Senator Daly’s parliamentary activities including the ‘Protection of Children’s Health (Tobacco Smoke in Mechanically Propelled Vehicles) Act 2014’ which he introduced to the Seanad. My reports on this topic involved translating legal definitions and principals into clear and concise language. My ability do this to a high standard was evidenced when the *Journal.ie* and the *Irish Independent* referenced the report I had written. Moreover, my ability to work part-time, study for a MA degree and undertake a placement in Senator Daly’s office is symbiotic of my strong work ethic.

Having an educational background in both the arts and law is a synthesis I feel will be particularly useful at Byrne Wallace. Aside from obtaining research and writing skills – essential for a successful legal career – studying history and politics gives one a rounded education which emphasises social consciousness and critical thinking. I find Byrne Wallace’s impressive record in the sphere of Corporate Social Responsibility to be appealing in this regard and a major point of differentiation from other firms.

My background in arts, debating and law has given me a passion for language and the construction of argument. Thus, I find the area dispute resolution and commercial litigation particularly engaging, and I am aware that Byrne Wallace has one of the largest commercial litigation departments in the country. Moreover, I have demonstrated throughout my employment and studying life to be a determined worker. I have worked consistently during my degrees and am now supporting myself while studying for my Post-Graduate Diploma. Further, I am impressed by Byrne Wallace’s reputation for excellence and I feel that I possess the necessary skills, aptitudes and work ethic to thrive in the Summer Internship Programme.

I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Walsh