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**RE: Application for Internship Programme 2017 Date: 8th February2017**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you to apply for a position in the Byrne Wallace Summer Intern Programme 2017. I believe my candidacy is of worthy consideration to your firm due to my personal values and skills and the experience I have gained to date.

I am fully committed to developing a career in law. Last Summer, I secured an internship with two of Ireland’s leading law firms, Matheson and Dillon Eustace. Working alongside partners in the firm consolidated my decision to pursue a legal career. I was drawn to the challenge of responding to and solving a variety of client needs. During my internships, I worked in the areas of litigation and corporate law. I conducted research and compiled evidence for partners, drafted legal documents and observed ongoing trials in court. I also presented for partners and engaged in research tasks as part of a team.

I have passed four FE-1 exams to date and am currently studying for the remaining four. I am now eager to build on the knowledge I acquired as a legal intern, as a student at UCD and on Erasmus, at Utrecht University, the Netherlands.

I am drawn to the Summer Intern Programme at Byrne Wallace as the core values and culture of the firm mirror my own. Byrne Wallace’s progressive culture is reflected in the firm’s enthusiasm for embracing technology and strong focus on continuous development of skill and knowledge. I am also impressed with the firm’s emphasis on the importance of a work-life balance. While I am committed to pursuing a career in law, I strive to continue hobbies outside of the field. I regularly practice yoga and have a keen interest in travelling, hill-walking, cycling and cooking. In particular, Byrne Wallace’s involvement in Corporate Social Responsibility stands out to me due to my experience as a volunteer with Oxfam and St Vincent de Paul.

The firm prioritises professional excellence and teamwork in order to ensure optimum client satisfaction. I have always enjoyed collaborating with others, both in my professional and sporting life. At Matheson and Dillon Eustace, I was placed in a specific department and worked alongside trainees, associates and partners to deliver high quality legal advice to clients. My background in sport also conveys my ability to perform as part of a team. I was a member of the Dublin Ladies GAA team for many years, captain of my school basketball team and a Committee Member of UCD Windsurfing Club. On the other hand, I am also capable of working independently and acting with authority. This is reflected in my hope to travel to India in the coming year to train as a Vinyasa Yoga teacher.

Above all, I am satisfied that Byrne Wallace’s core values represent my own and I will endeavour to strive to achieve excellence in order to surpass the expectations of and commit myself to clients.

I am very much looking forward to your reply and am available for interview at any time.

Yours sincerely,

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