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**RE: BYRNE WALLACE SUMMER INTERNSHIP 2017**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to apply for a position on your 2017 Summer Internship programme. I hope that I can get the chance to work with your firm and develop my skills as a prospective lawyer.

On your website you state that “We are driven to achieve excellence in everything we do.” I was immediately drawn to this statement as I feel that it encapsulates what I think it means to be a modern lawyer. I study law because I want to be able to represent, help and support people in dealing with issues which are amenable to legal resolution. I want to be able to solve their problems for them. I believe that I can learn to do that at Byrne Wallace.

If given the opportunity to work at Byrne Wallace I am confident that I would learn much about what it means to provide the best services for clients and what is required to provide such a service.

I believe I have the necessary characteristics to be a good fit for Byrne Wallace. I act with integrity and that stands to me in my ability to work with others to achieve the best outcome. The unofficial motto of my old school was that all students should be "quietly confident" in their approach to life. I try to live by this and in doing so I feel that I act in a more respectful and polite manner towards people I meet in my everyday life. In essence, this assists me in acting with integrity in all situations, while also allowing me to advance my own position in an honest, open and business like manner.

I am hardworking and outgoing. I endeavour to work hard to achieve my goals but on the other hand I enjoy taking the time to socialise and meet new people from all walks of life. I am also a team player. In secondary school I played GAA and Rugby and while I have moved into other pursuits I still retain the skills needed to be a good team player. Presently, I am part of different teams in my work in my former school and in my capacity as Competitions Convenor of TCD Law Society. As such I still appreciate and understand the inherent value of working as a team player in my everyday life. I also understand that at times it is important and necessary to take the lead with something in order to encourage others to get involved and contribute.

Another trait which I believe makes me a suitable candidate for an Internship relates to my strong belief in community. As I mentioned above I believe in teamwork, but I also believe in helping out those who aren’t as lucky as I have beent. I have always been engaged in actively helping disadvantaged people, from working with the Saint Vincent de Paul in school to taking part in research projects with TCD FLAC to provide Travellers with greater access to their rights. I hope to succeed in life. However, I see no point in doing that unless I can give back to others who haven’t benefited from the opportunities I have been given.

Also, an internship at Byrne Wallace would give me transferrable skills, which would improve my ability to interact with others and achieve objectives.

I hope that I get the opportunity to discuss my views in greater detail at interview.

Yours sincerely,

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