To whom it may concern,

My name is Gavin Murray and I am applying for the Byrne Wallace Dublin Summer Internship Programme. I chose to apply to Byrne Wallace, as I am well aware of its outstanding reputation as a full service law firm in the Irish legal landscape with an international dimension.

I was very interested to hear, from the current Byrne Wallace trainees, of the high rate of support given by colleagues throughout the training contract. I am a very driven individual who wishes to be given the opportunity to develop in a working environment that offers the best opportunities, something that Byrne Wallace guarantees me with its network of international offices.

Having previous intern experience in both the Corporate and Property sections with Maples and Calder in their Dublin office, I aim to further my experience within other competencies to ideally establish myself as a capable trainee within a large Irish law firm such as Byrne Wallace.

The nature of my academic course has prepared me for a position as a legal intern. I have gained experience in independent legal research, innovative critical analysis, team management and attention to detail in all work I carry out. I am currently in my final year of college and aim to sit the FE-1 exams upon completion of my course.

Further to the four years of law studies I have undertaken, I now wish to further my practical experience and pursue a legal career. The reason why I wish to qualify as a solicitor in particular is due to the unavoidable impact that law has on everyday life. In my opinion, ignorance of the law is no defence yet knowledge of law is no weakness. I am wholly driven by situations that require innovative commercial thinking that can be supported by legal reasoning and I feel a career in law will provide me with that working demographic.

I feel my experience as a volunteer has given me a non-academic edge over other applicants due to the teamwork and leadership nature of activities that I was exposed to. An excellent example of this is the local business idea that volunteers were tasked with creating. I created a sustainable tourism-based market sourcing income into Punta Allen, a small village on the skirts of Tulum city in the summer of 2014, which I have been informed is still in place today.

If successful in attainting a position as an intern, I will commit to gaining a sense of the work carried out within the firm and going beyond what is expected of myself in my position.

I ask you to seriously consider me for the position as an intern as I know I am capable of making a difference and enter the doors of the firm with an enthusiasm and willingness to get involved from the beginning to end of the programme.

Thank you very much for taking the time to review my application. I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Regards,

Gavin Murray

