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## **Re: Byrne Wallace Traineeship – Applicant Hilary Heelan**

For the attention of the Beth Onslow

I wish to forward my candidacy to become a trainee with Byrne Wallace. I have sat all the Fe-1s and currently work as a paralegal in the investment funds department of Maples and Calder.

I am applying for a traineeship at Byrne Wallace because it is a top-ranked Irish law firm. I want to train with a firm that challenges and awards diligence, aptitude and attention to detail and I am determined to pursue a traineeship with a firm where I can learn from such an experienced and well renowned team. I want to hit the ground running once I qualify and I believe training at Byrne Wallace will ensure I can do this.

Since a young age I have wanted to pursue a career as a solicitor. I have always been interested with understanding rules and regulations in every aspect of life, and also how law touches on areas such as business and economics and the ways in which companies and organisations conduct their business both locally and internationally.

While working in the financial services industry, I always felt myself drawn to the more legal and regulatory aspects of my roles. While I was in AIB I became the department liaison with the Litigation Management Team and case managed all realisation of security for the department. In KNOW Finance I took responsibility for all compliance related matters including adherence to all Central Bank of Ireland processes. After 3 years in financial services I decided to utilise this experience by qualifying as a solicitor, to this end I have sat all the Fe-1s and gained legal experience as a paralegal.

Working as a paralegal at Maples has not only given me an excellent foundation to begin my training with, it has also left me with no doubt that I want to pursue a career in as a solicitor. I have become familiar with the working of a busy market leading law firm and it has made me fully aware of the challenges of training as a solicitor and how much I enjoy the fast-paced and challenging environment. In my current role, I strive to deliver a quality service that exceeds expectations for the benefit of not just clients but also my colleagues. I aim to continue this standard throughout my professional career as a solicitor. My commercial experience from working in the financial services industry will allow me to offer a superior service as a commercial solicitor. In my financial advisory role, I prided myself on my client relationship management, my ability to engender confidence in my advice will be fundamental as a solicitor. My commitment to being an approachable and reliable member of the team resulted in my nomination for the AIB Recognition Programme for Outstanding Performer in Q1, Q2 and Q4 2015.

As a trainee I know I can provide a significant and positive contribution to Byrne Wallace, whilst gaining exposure and experience within a top funds practice. Please find attached a copy of my CV for further skills-based information and qualifications, for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Hilary Heelan