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 **Re: 2019 Internship Application**

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to express my interest in applying to your internship programme.

I graduated from University College Dublin with a Bachelor of Civil Law, upper second-class honours (2.1) in September 2018. In October 2018, I successfully sat four Law Society Entrance Exams (FE1s), securing a pass mark in each one: Tort Law; EU Law; Constitutional Law; and Equity & Trusts. I am due to sit the remaining four FE1s in March 2019.

Between October 2018 and January 2019, I completed a three-month internship with Baily Homan Smyth McVeigh. Whilst there, I undertook many different tasks, such as assisting solicitors in court for which I prepared and collated legal documents; I attended and contributed to team meetings, and handled telephone and written queries from clients and other firms. Accordingly, I have a sound understanding of the type of work that is done in a commercial law firm. In addition, I gained a particular appreciation for the vital importance of prioritisation, effective time management, accuracy, and efficiency.

I have also interned at the Irish Centre for European Law (ICEL). The Centre, based in Trinity College Dublin, organises conferences on European Union Law and European Human Rights Law where legal academics and practitioners deliver papers on their specialist areas. This role allowed me to interact with, and experience first-hand the expertise of, academic lawyers and specialist practitioners as well as gain administrative experience in a busy office environment.

I chose to apply to the Byrne Wallace intern programme for a number of reasons. Byrne Wallace is a leading commercial law firm in Ireland, and, accordingly, advises some of the largest and commercially most successful clients on a diverse range of legal matters. I have a strong interest in property law and corporate law and since Byrne Wallace is well known for its expertise in these areas, it is an obvious choice for an internship application. The firm’s role in the management of major commercial property transactions, such as the recent advising of Exeter Ireland Property III Limited in relation to its acquisition of student accommodation premises in Galway City, is a conspicuous example of the high profile work undertaken by the firm. In addition, the emphasis that Byrne Wallace places on technology and innovation as a specialism is of particular interest to me. I am fascinated by technology, in particular advances in AI, which is likely to become an important area for legal practice; and it also implies changes to the way in which legal services may be provided in the future.

I would thoroughly enjoy the demands and rigours of working in an energetic and dynamic top-tier law firm. I hope, therefore, that you will consider me for an internship at Byrne Wallace. I attach my CV for your attention and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Liam Tully