Ms Beth Onslow

HR Administrator

Byrne Wallace

88 Harcourt Street

Dublin 2

19th October 2017

**Re: Traineeship Application**

Dear Ms Onslow,

Please accept this letter as part of my application for a place on the Byrne Wallace trainee programme. I am currently working as a legal intern in the tax department of Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors and I am awaiting results for my final two FE1 exams which I took earlier this month.

My primary education in business and social studies combined with an interest in the law and my professional experiences have driven me to pursue a legal career. Throughout my academic experience I studied modules in Company Law, Human Rights Law and International Development Law. My previous professional experience has provided me with an insight from the client side of working on legal matters, while my current role as a legal intern has given me the invaluable experience of working as part of a national commercial firm. I have a pragmatic and practical nature which naturally lends itself to efficient analysis of situations and effective problem solving and has helped to fit in well to my role as intern. I enjoy working with people and organisations and in my career to date I have placed a high value on offering excellent client service.

I have a strong interest in current affairs, politics and international development issues. I spent 3 months volunteering with trafficked children in Kathmandu, Nepal where I was appointed volunteer development coordinator. As part of this role I organised talks from both local and international organisations such as UNAID and other aid agencies working in the area. This developed an already robust interest in social justice and international development matters and I became a member of the Society of St Vincent de Paul in Dublin. During my time as President of my St Vincent de Paul Conference, I engaged with the Society’s Advocacy Unit to highlight the living conditions of residents in the north inner city.

I am a music, drama and theatre enthusiast and to date I have achieved grade 8 in the Irish Board of Speech and Drama examinations. I take pleasure in learning new things and I am currently learning to play the piano. I enjoy keeping fit particularly through horse riding and pilates.

In 2012 upon the successful completion of my Masters Degree I began a position in the Mater Hospital Foundation which is part of the executive arm of the Mater Public Hospital. In this position I worked to the CEO of the Foundation and gained invaluable experience of many of the legal issues which face the charity sector in Ireland today. This experience working with the organisation’s solicitors drove me to seriously consider a legal career. I began preparing for the FE1 examinations and to date I have successfully completed 6 of the exams and started working in the legal sector.

I am applying for a position on the Byrne Wallace trainee programme because it is a leading full service firm with an excellent reputation, a national reach and a wide range of expertise. My experiences both academically and professionally would allow me to contribute in a meaningful way to the work and ultimate success of the firm. I am also hardworking, client focused, reliable and responsible which I know are attributes that are highly valued by Byrne Wallace.

I would be delighted to discuss any aspect of this application with you at your convenience. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Lydia Bentley