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Ref: Byrne Wallace Internship Programme 2016

To whom it may concern,

I would like to apply for a position on the Byrne Wallace Summer Internship Programme 2016. I am a recent graduate of Trinity College Law.

Byrne Wallace's progressive attitude towards technology, client approach and quality of work are only a few of the unique qualities that attract me to your firm. As one of Ireland's leading law firms, Byrne Wallace's attitude towards Corporate Social Responsibility, wealth of experience and industry knowledge sets it apart from its competitors. The internship programme offered is, in my opinion, the best in the country. Byrne Wallace nurtures and encourages all its interns, providing them with the opportunity to work within a core department in the firm, experiencing first hand the role and responsibilities of a Trainee Solicitor. This greatly appeals to me as I have found through my legal internships that I excel when I am trusted with a high level of responsibility.

I am determined, ambitious, versatile and extremely motivated. I believe these key attributes are demonstrated by the following achievements-

#### **Work Achievements**

- I currently work in Lavelle Solicitors where my drive, work ethic and diligence has been noted and commended. I am given trainee level work which I have found to be engaging, interesting and insightful.
- In September 2014 I completed an internship with McGrath McGrane Solicitors. I was entrusted with the task of researching the law in relation to potential clients, which determined if the firm decided to proceed with the case. The Managing Partners praised my research and commended my ability to provide accurate and concise information.
- I have worked in many restaurants in both Ireland and New York. At 21 years of age, I was promoted to 'Floor Manager' in a 400 capacity restaurant in the heart of Manhattan.

#### **Academic Achievements**

- I graduated from Trinity College Dublin in 2015 with a II.I in my degree.
- I obtained 540 points in the Leaving Certificate 2011 - ranking in the top 8.7% of the country.
- I have also been awarded numerous awards for excellence throughout my academic career.

#### **Life Achievements**

- In September 2014, I completed the 'Dublin Mini Marathon,' raising €1,200 for charity in the process. This September I competed in the Dublin City Triathlon and raised a further €1,000 for charity. I have also volunteered for numerous organisations such as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.
- At 16, I was the Director of the 'Goal Aid' campaign in March 2008, raising €5,000 for the charity.

I believe that these achievements accentuate the type of person I am. I always strive to be the very best version of myself - pushing myself to excel and remaining determined throughout. An intern position with Byrne Wallace would be an incredible opportunity. I am confident that such a revered programme would greatly further my desire to become a qualified solicitor within your firm.

Yours faithfully,  
Mark Murphy