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Re: Mary Elizabeth Hayes application to the Byrne Wallace 2019 Summer Internship

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to apply for a position on your 2019 Summer Internship Programme. I am a penultimate year student reading Law at Trinity College Dublin. I am currently on exchange in Toronto for the academic year 2018/19. I believe that through my experiences and enthusiasm to learn, I would progress and further my skill set in an inclusive and hard-working environment such as Byrne Wallace.

From a young age, sport has played a significant role in my life and overall development. At school I played hockey and spent my summers sailing. Furthermore, I have dedicated my time and skills enabling children to achieve fulfilment and personal development through sport, when coaching hockey and instructing sailing. Sport has brought me many benefits/skills; fitness, new friends, perseverance, motivation, endurance and commitment. These skills are transferable and have stood to me. I am currently on exchange taking graduate level law modules. Utilising my skills has aided me in adjusting to the new work load, environment and social setting here in Toronto. Growing up in a large family nurtured me to be an effective communicator. For this reason, I inherently enjoy team sports. Sailing team racing taught me to perform effectively under pressure as a team member. I have chosen the solicitor route rather than the bar as I am an articulate team player.

The combination of my experiences to date and my course work in Law has inspired me to pursue a career in corporate law. Since starting in Trinity, I have attended numerous presentations held by law firms, hosted by the Trinity Law Society. These improved my knowledge of the legal industry and the practical application of what I learn at University. Kean to learn more, I participated in an A&L Goodbody LawStart day where I heard from leading professionals and took part in work-shop activities. I also undertook the role of Herbert Smith Freehills (HSF) Campus Manager, liaising with the HSF team and the study body. I understand that working hard and seeing results is what makes work fulfilling. When coaching hockey and instructing sailing I learned that enabling the children to achieve their goals was in itself an achievement of my own, as it meant I had succeeded in my job. I will bring my outlook and emphasis on the necessity of reaching high quality results to a fast-paced workplace such as Byrne Wallace.

Since completely my work experience, it became clear to me that Law is the industry I want to work in. I welcome the challenge of working in a top law firm. I want to continue challenging myself and I believe Byrne Wallace would enable such personal and professional growth, as it provides a collegial work environment allowing for innovative thinking that is responsive and solution focused. I would love to work on international transactions. Corporate firms have international reach. I have concluded that I would obtain high quality experience from a reputable firm such as Byrne Wallace that practises in a wide range of areas. I wish to learn from the best and Byrne Wallace was awarded the Chambers Europe *Ireland Client Service award 2017*. I think a positive work atmosphere is crucial; Byrne Wallace promotes a supportive and inclusive work force.

Being at the forefront of Irish legal industry is a stimulating environment that with my skill set, would allow me to excel and develop should I be given the opportunity. I am eager to learn and I am enthusiastic about what the summer internship has to offer. Therefore, I believe I am a good candidate.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Elizabeth Hayes