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Re: Intern Application

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Mollie Barlow and I am a third year student of European Studies in Trinity College Dublin. I plan to study law after I finish my undergraduate degree next year and believe that training with Byrne Wallace would really help me achieve my future career goals.

I feel my academic background makes me suitable for an intern position in Byrne Wallace. I attended Alexandra College in Milltown, Dublin for secondary school where I was fortunate enough to win the HM White Memorial academic scholarship. When I graduated from school I decided to postpone studying law. Although I knew that that was what I intended to do in the long term, I also wanted to acquire a more rounded knowledge and improve my language skills by studying something different at undergraduate level. European Studies has been a great choice for me. It is a very challenging and rewarding course and I have learned so much, from economics and international relations to history and philosophy. I think languages are an enormous asset to have in a world that is becoming increasingly globalised. I am currently spending my penultimate year on Erasmus in Sciences Po (Institut d'Études Politiques) in Paris. I have taken the opportunity to study politics, international relations, history and philosophy all through French. Sciences Po was ranked 4th in the QS World University Rankings for Politics and International studies in 2016, so it is a huge opportunity to be able to attend such a prestigious university. In Sciences Po I study modules that I wouldn't be able to study in Trinity. For example I am taking a module on Global Genocides while also studying International Relations of the World and Ancient Greece under the guidance of renowned and inspiring academics such as Bertrand Badie and Jacques Sémelin. As a result I feel I have an extremely broad base of study and believe this will really stand to me in the future.

Studying French and Spanish in Trinity has really allowed me to gain a more international perspective, something which would help me in dealing with international clients in Byrne Wallace. Languages have forced me to put myself in new foreign environments. The summer before last I spent a month outside Bilbao teaching young Spanish students. It was a great experience and taught me so much about Basque culture and the Spanish language. In fact I have had numerous part-time jobs during my time in University. Last summer I worked in Fitzpatrick's shoes and I have also worked Christmas periods in Dunnes Stores and twice in Arnotts. Thus I have a great sense of responsibility, what is expected in the work place and how to deal with people. All things that will be required, as part of a professional services firm.

Apart from academia and work experiences, I also have many hobbies and interests that have helped to shape me into the sort of dedicated and confident person that Byrne Wallace looks for. I love music and have played the clarinet since I was 12. By the age of 17 I had achieved Honours in Grade 8 with the Royal Irish Academy of Music. I continue to play today but mainly for my own enjoyment and often meet to play with friends from the Jazz band. I am also very interested in athletics and am very dedicated to maintaining my fitness. When I was very young my sole passion was reading, until at the age of 11 I discovered athletics. When I first started running I was a weak athlete. My parents had encouraged me in many sports; cricket, tennis, hockey; but nothing had grabbed me. When, in my first race, I came close to last they thought the same would happen with athletics. But something about running was different and started to drive me to improve myself. I joined Dundrum South Dublin Athletic Club and from the very beginning I really enjoyed training and worked as hard as I could. When the same race took place a year later, I won! Although I never became the international runner that my 12 year old self dreamed of, I did compete for many years at All-Ireland level. Athletics transformed me into a confident, motivated person. I carried this confidence with me into school, where my academic performance improved, and it also helped my social skills. In the running club I met all sorts of people. When I won team medals in All-Irelands, I learned that being competitive and ambitious was important, but I also learned how to be motivated as part of a team and

how to use our individual performances collectively. The discipline of application and training hard has been a great life lesson, which I believe would make me a suitable intern for Byrne Wallace.

I believe my life experiences have made me a confident, hard-working and high-achieving individual and I believe they would make me very capable of succeeding if I was given the opportunity of an internship with Byrne Wallace. I would put Byrne Wallace as my first choice of law firms in Ireland as your culture of excellence, high reputation and long legal history appeals to me. I read on your website that Byrne Wallace was awarded Law Firm of the Year 2016 at the Irish Law Awards. I think that this is so impressive. I would love to play a part in the Byrne Wallace environment as it sounds like such an exciting place to learn and develop, particularly for a woman as I noticed that your Managing Partner is female. As a European Studies student, having spent this year in one of Europe's leading Universities, I know I want to work in an evolving, challenging environment like Byrne Wallace.

Another significant reason I want an internship in Byrne Wallace is that I feel that I can offer the diversity and uniqueness that commercial law firms often search for when recruiting interns. I don't currently study law. But my undergraduate degree has been extremely diverse, particularly as a result of my studies in Sciences Po, where I have broadened my knowledge of the world. I feel that once I finish my degree and go on to study law, this will provide me with the diversity that Byrne Wallace searches for and hopefully make me a more rounded professional.

As a non-law student, I am less familiar with some of your practice areas than perhaps some others, but an area I would be interested in would be International/FDI or International and EU Trade. I feel I would be well suited to this area and able to bring a lot to it due to my experiences abroad and my knowledge of foreign cultures. I would also be extremely interested in the Employment practice area, particularly as I saw on your website that Byrne Wallace is recognised not only nationally but also internationally as leaders in Employment law. Once again I believe my knowledge of European history and the backgrounds of different countries would help me in this area. I am particularly interested in Employment as I have studied a lot of social science subjects so have a great desire for human development and justice.

Overall I believe I have a lot to bring to an internship position with Byrne Wallace. I admire your excellent reputation and would love to have the opportunity to gain an insight into life in your firm.

Yours faithfully,

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