Dear Sirs,

I wish to apply for a position on the ByrneWallace Internship Programme. I am an ambitious, driven and well organised law student in my final year at Trinity College Dublin. I know I have the hard work ethic and spirit of collegiality needed to become a valuable member of the Byrne Wallace team.

University has taught me to work hard and remain optimistic in overcoming obstacles. After my mother suddenly passed away in second year, my grade was affected greatly. However, from the outset of my third year, I refocussed and worked diligently to ensure I achieved very positive results. This period of adversity has made me more determined than ever to attain an excellent degree and seize every opportunity.

Last summer, I interned in the Law Department of Dublin City Council and in Philip Hannon Solicitors, a criminal law firm. I gained first-hand experience in the work conducted by solicitors in the areas of conveyancing and personal injury litigation, and criminal law respectively. Now, I would cherish the opportunity to pursue a career in a stimulating, dynamic and inclusive environment such as that provided by ByrneWallace. The firms’ Internship Programme is renowned for providing interns with the opportunity to gain exposure to interesting and challenging legal and business issues. This exposure to high-calibre clients and challenging work would allow me to excel and I would relish accepting greater levels of responsibility. I am particularly interested in Employment Law. I’ve taken modules in this area and in Collective Labour Law, dealing with 6contentious issues arising in the workplace through trade disputes. Working alongside the ByrneWallace experts in this field would be an incredible and invaluable experience in recognising and addressing the needs of clients in the commercial sphere of employment.

ByrneWallace fosters a hard-working and collaborative culture where talent and personality can flourish. The firms’ commitment to its employees in a team environment ensures an exceptional client service is delivered. From playing and coaching Ladies Football and Camogie, I appreciate the benefits reaped from leading a balanced working and active lifestyle. Sport has taught me collegiality, leadership and dedication. I believe I really understand what is necessary to create a hard-working and successful team. As a player, not only do I play for myself, but I play for my team and I believe this ethos is transferable to a working environment. As a coach, I identify the strengths of each team member and coordinate the group in order to achieve the optimum group performance.

ByrneWallace’s dedication to its CSR programme is admirable, particularly through its charitable giving and volunteerism. The firms’ responsible ethos matches my passion for voluntary work. I am an active volunteer with Zamda Ireland after volunteering with them in Zambia last summer. I am currently an influential member of the TCD Law Society’s Charities Committee, and I also volunteer as a case worker for the Irish Innocence Project. My continued voluntary work has made me determined to make a difference.

My current results are indicative of my absolute determination to achieve my potential, to secure a top-class law degree and to go on to become a successful solicitor. My life experiences to date have prepared me to succeed in adversity, to be a successful team player and to employ my leadership skills when required.

My ambition is to become a capable and successful solicitor. I assure you that I would be fully committed and would give excellent service to ByrneWallace during the Internship Programme.

Yours sincerely,

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