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RE: Traineeship Solicitor Programme 2021 Application

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to apply for the Byrne Wallace Trainee Solicitor Programme. I believe that a combination of my academic achievements, work experience and passion for the legal industry would make me a valuable asset to the firm. To introduce myself, I am a highly motivated and ambitious law and business undergraduate, currently completing the final year of my studies. I am looking to take the next step in my legal career and your highly praised programme is, in my opinion, the perfect fit for me.

Not only have I achieved exceptional academic results (72% average) but I also undertook a placement in A&L Goodbody as part of my degree. This was a fantastic opportunity as I worked closely with partners, associates and solicitors daily within the firm. I carried out in-depth legal research, prepared and reviewed various legal documents, participated in various legal workshops, and communicated with clients during my time on placement. Furthermore, during the Covid-19 pandemic I was able to complete a fully virtual summer internship programme with Maples & Calder. This was a great insight into how firms are adapting to the online working environment in the current circumstances. Thus, from my previous experience in a full-service firm, I believe that I could start delivering results in Byrne Wallace from Day 1.

The first thing that attracted me to a legal career was the important role that law, and the legal system has in society. From this initial appeal I completed a month of work experience in a local law firm – Gearty's Solicitors – in my Transition Year of secondary school. Through observation and administration duties I was able to gain my first insight into what the work of a solicitor entails. From here I gained a passion for the law and began researching routes to pursue a legal career. In my first year of university, I completed the A&L Goodbody Law Start Programme and the Arthur Cox Accelerate Programme. Both of these opportunities demonstrated to me the fast paced and challenging nature of a legal career. In a profession that demands so much of its workers, I believe that job satisfaction is paramount in remaining motivated. I am passionate and interested in the law, and thus, I derive satisfaction from being able to apply my legal knowledge to complex problems that may arise.

To conclude, I am a tenacious and enthusiastic individual with a focus on achieving the highest standards both professionally and personally. I am definitely a team player, but I am also able to take direction and work independently. I truly believe that my temperament, willingness to learn and excel in a legal career would make me a beneficial asset to your firm. I would love the opportunity to discuss the possibility of joining your trainee solicitor programme as well as the value I feel I can provide in return. Thank you for your time and consideration and I very much hope to meet you in the near future.

Kind regards,

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