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ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme

Dear Ms McLoughlin,

I am writing in order to apply for a position on ByrneWallace’s Trainee Solicitor Programme. I trust that this application sufficiently demonstrates my interest in becoming a trainee solicitor at ByrneWallace.

I recognise that the coming years are of significant importance to my professional and personal development. As such, I consider it important that I only apply for a position at a firm which I believe matches my own values, and promotes a culture in which I will be able to maximise my development while making a positive contribution to the firm.

While attending ByrneWallace’s Trainee Open Evening on Tuesday, 17 October 2017, I noted that your colleague Michael Walsh drew attention to the fact that ByrneWallace boasts a client list to match any of the larger Dublin firms, but has succeeded in maintaining the collegial atmosphere of a smaller firm. This is something that I have been fortunate enough to witness first-hand. When I began working as the firm’s law clerk I immediately felt as though I became part of the ByrneWallace team. I was quickly given the opportunity to get to know junior and senior members of the firm through the inter-firm soccer team, the weekly 5-a-side and the firm’s summer barbeque. Accordingly, in the five months that I have worked as a law clerk at ByrneWallace, I have never felt as though I am taking orders from the fee earners in the firm. Alternatively, I have felt as though I am an important member of the firm’s business, working towards our client’s goals.

I am therefore applying to ByrneWallace as I believe that the working culture your firm strives to achieve, one of inclusiveness, approachability and support, is an environment that will fuel my development and allow me to contribute to the business of the firm.

Throughout the course of my studies I sought to gain experience in as wide a variety of law as possible. This led to me working in labour law in Shanghai, working with a judge in the Four Courts and working in litigation in Dublin. These experiences have allowed me to develop my ability to quickly integrate into a team, adapt to changing scenarios and communicate with colleagues. I believe that these skills will allow me to thrive as a trainee solicitor at ByrneWallace.

I recognise that a firm of ByrneWallace’s calibre receives a large number of applications every year. I would therefore like to thank you for taking the time to consider this application. In the event that you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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