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**Re: Traineeship Application**

Dear Sirs,

I am an aspiring trainee solicitor seeking to secure a training contract. A traineeship at Byrne Wallace is particularly enticing to me as it would offer me the opportunity to develop at a top-level firm in practice areas of interest to me. As both an ambitious and motivated graduate, Byrne Wallace represents to me the ideal place to learn and grow as an aspiring legal professional.

Between October 2019 and August 2020, I sat and passed all 8 FE1 exams on the first attempt. In June 2020 I began an internship at HD Keane Solicitors, a busy general practice in Waterford, where I gained experience in a variety of practice areas. Currently, I am an intern at Comyn Kelleher Tobin in Cork where I continue to build on my existing legal experience.

In August 2019, I graduated with an LL.M. in Public International Law from Leiden University which is consistently ranked as one of the top law schools in Europe. I chose this course in order to broaden my legal knowledge, engage with some of the brightest young legal minds from around the world and challenge myself in an area of law I previously knew little about. The previous year in August 2018 I graduated from the University of Limerick (UL) with an LL.B. where I also studied Economics as an elective.

During my time at UL, I balanced my academic endeavours with active involvement in various societies, most notably the Debating Union. I learned to work both independently and as part of a team, work within strict budgets, and to raise money for the Union through organising events. In my second year of study, I played a leading role in the organisation and planning of a national debating competition resulting in a profit for the Debating Union.

During my third year of study, I undertook work placement at LK Shields Solicitors where I gained experience primarily in the Litigation department as well as the Company Secretarial unit. I acquired a broad range of practical skills particularly in relation to procedure and the production of legal documents. I was also given great exposure to the work of a solicitor at a commercial law firm. Most notably, I learned about the importance of ensuring client satisfaction and the ability to work in a timely manner. My main responsibilities included: proof reading, legal research, preparing briefs for counsel, drafting documents, and filing. My computer skills improved substantially as I became acquainted with a myriad of computer systems and programmes. I regularly liaised with clients over the phone and consequently improved my communication skills. After my experience at LK Shields, I was certain of my desire to pursue a legal career.

My hobbies include strength training and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. These hobbies are physically demanding, requiring hard work and a willingness to ‘become comfortable with the uncomfortable’. Through these pursuits, I set myself short and long-term goals instilling me with a sense of discipline and a manifest desire to better myself. These activities are immensely humbling and teach me that there are no shortcuts to success, only hard work and dedication.

Essentially, I want to become a solicitor because I have the work ethic, drive and energy the profession requires. I have a real passion for law as well as a longstanding interest in business. Commercial law entices me as a fulfilling, challenging and rewarding career in which I believe I can achieve my full potential as a solicitor. I believe I have the attributes required to succeed in the legal profession, and to train at Byrne Wallace would allow this potential to be realised. I welcome the hard work, the demands and the client and business expectations, and am confident that I would contribute and become an asset to Byrne Wallace.

I look forward to meeting you and discussing this opportunity further.

Yours faithfully,

Adam Rockett