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**Trainee Solicitor Programme**

Dear Ms. McLoughlin,

I am currently in my final year of Business and Law in University College Dublin and I would be grateful if you would consider my application for your Trainee Solicitor Programme.

I am applying to ByrneWallace as I believe it to be unique by comparison with it’s competitors, something which became evident to me after speaking with your trainees at the recent UCD Law Fair. The event solidified my desire to apply for a place in the Trainee Solicitor Programme for a number of reasons.

The strong international dimension and predominantly commercial nature of the work undertaken in your firm appeal to me given my dual competency in business and law. Your firm’s extensive corporate social responsibility policy, from your Solas Project to your fundraising efforts in aid of The Hope Foundation, echoes values that were instilled in me during my time in Calcutta when I was fortunate enough to volunteer with HOPE. Furthermore, the fact that ByrneWallace was awarded *Ireland Client Service Award* by Chambers Europe Awards gives me the reassurance that ByrneWallace recognises the importance of investing in people as a means of achieving excellence in business.

I believe I possess a number of personal traits which would make me an asset to your firm and render me well-suited to a career in ByrneWallace. I endeavour to excel in all aspects of life and my consistent academic performance has proven I have the capacity and drive to succeed in a career in a commercial law firm. I also appreciate the importance of building strong client relationships in a legal career and my experience assisting in French and Irish college have made me confident in my interpersonal and communication skills as a means of achieving this. Finally, I value the regard that your firm places on collaboration and collegiality within the firm. My time spent in India living and working with a group of ten demonstrated my ability to work effectively as part of a team. I love taking on new challenges, both individually and as a team, and a law firm such as ByrneWallace seems to be the perfect platform for this.

My experiences to date have afforded me a unique perspective which I believe would be of value to your firm. Personally, my experience of growing up in Geneva and studying in Barcelona have afforded me an international mindset and an excellent fluency in French and Spanish. On a professional level, my recent internship in the area of medical negligence law with Augustus Cullen Law convinced me that my attention to detail and thoroughness would make me well-suited to a career in law. Additionally, my experience working as a digital marketing intern with The Essential Organisation taught me the importance of communication in fostering trust and confidence in client relationships. I can appreciate the value ByrneWallace’s places on innovative and technology as a means of delivering effective and efficient client service.

Ultimately, in my career, I would like to work with similarly motivated and supportive people who are interested in legal expertise in all forms. After speaking with your trainees in UCD, it is clear that ByrneWallace would provide such an excellent opportunity.

I would like to thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Ailbhe Ó Faoláin