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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Aileen Duggan and I am a final year Law student at University College Dublin. I am writing to ask you to consider my application for a traineeship position at ByrneWallace. Having researched your firm and attended the UCD Careers Fair where I spoke with one of your representatives, ByrneWallace has undoubtedly stood apart for me as an exceptional firm which I know I could learn a lot from but could also contribute to positively using my own skill set and determined personality.

As one of Ireland's most progressive law firms, I feel there is much to be gained from a traineeship with your firm. I would like the chance to work with ByrneWallace given the high acclaim that your firm has been given; awarded Ireland Client Service Award 2017 by Chambers, it is clear that ByrneWallace is ahead of the field in a wide range of areas. Through research of your firm I have come to appreciate the high levels of commitment afforded to achieving client's goals. Having worked with Cosgrove Gaynard Solicitors as a legal intern this summer, one of the most important skills was to ensure client satisfaction. ByrneWallace's Corporate Social Responsibility Programme is another factor which led has me to pursue a trainee position with your firm. I am heavily involved with the Irish Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Tipperary and want to continue this social responsibility in my place of employment. ByrneWallace has demonstrated acute corporate social awareness through your various educational and charitable projects. I was particularly impressed that your employees took part in the Ice Bucket Challenge for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association, a very worthy cause. I think my abilities would tie in well with the culture and values of your firm and I feel I could bring these qualities and more to a traineeship position if given the opportunity.

I have continuously strived for success throughout my academic career, achieving 3rd place in my BCL class of 35 students. Through my students my degree has helped to improve my research, writing and communication skills immensely with continuous essay and oral presentations. A number of these assignments have involved team work, a skill I feel would be nurtured and improved by working with ByrneWallace, where I admire the strong emphasis placed on collaboration and working together. I have been a committed member of my local GAA club since a young age and currently play with the senior camogie team. I have also coached various camogie teams, honing both my leadership skills and problem-solving capabilities.

This past semester I studied abroad at the University of Auckland as part of the student exchange programme offered at UCD. This was an incredible experience, which brought many challenges both on a personal and academic level. I strived to continue my strong academic record whilst away and in particular enjoyed modules such as Aviation Law and Refugee Law. Having the opportunity to study these modules not only broadened my legal knowledge of these relevant and expanding areas of law, but also provided me with an excellent comparative perspective of common law jurisdiction. As a result of this experience, I believe I can bring this additional knowledge to a traineeship position at ByrneWallace.

I view my traineeship as an opportunity to begin my legal career with the firm I hope to work with in the future. I look forward to discussing this opportunity with you further.

Yours sincerely,

Aileen Duggan.