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Dear Ms Crona McLoughlin,

I am writing to apply for the Byrne Wallace’s trainee programme. I have recently graduated from the University of Limerick with a 1st class honours LLB, Law with Economics. I hope to pursue a career as a solicitor in the future.

My undergraduate studies have enabled me to gain an in depth knowledge of a number of key areas of law and develop an astute sense of commercial awareness. Byrne Wallace appeals to me due to their renowned expertise in dispute resolution. In May, I was chosen to represent the University of Limerick in the National Negotiation Competition. I believe that I could gain invaluable knowledge from Byrne Wallaces’ experienced litigation and dispute resolution team, strengthening my dispute resolution skills further. I am confident that my impressive legal research skills would be an asset to this firm. These skills were recently recognised when I was awarded a scholarship by Sichuan University to partake in their prestigious Legal University Immersion Programme in Chengdu, China. This programme, which took place in July, afforded me with the opportunity to learn about law from an international perspective.

My passion for law flourished during my internship in the medical negligence department of Callan Tansey Solicitors, as I gained insight into Irish law in practice. My current position as a paralegal with LK Shields Solicitors requires me to work with attentiveness and diligence to provide adequate support to my team on a daily basis. It has also given me greater appreciation of the demands of working in a fast-paced office environment. This is a working environment that I thrive in.

I am a self-motivated individual, who enjoys undertaking new challenges. My versatility is evident through my work experience in the service industry in Ireland, Canada and the United States. I work well both independently, and as part of a team. I believe that obtaining a training contract with Byrne Wallace would give me the exposure to a commercial law environment necessary to pursue a successful career as a solicitor. I am confident that my skill set would contribute to the high quality service that Byrne Wallace provides to its clients.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Aileen Fitzmaurice