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***Re: Traineeship Programme***

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for a Traineeship position with Byrne Wallace LLP. My experience to date, both professionally and personally underpins my decision to pursue a career in law. The invaluable work experience I gained as a Legal Executive for P.G. Cranny & Company Solicitors and as a Legal Intern for Stephen O’Mahony Solicitors has validated my passion for law, by demonstrating to me just how diverse, challenging and intellectually stimulating this profession can be.

I have several important personal attributes that would directly benefit your firm. As well as being extremely reliable and efficient, I am adaptable and a highly effective communicator with a strong commercial awareness and ability to deliver a sustained high level of performance. I honed these attributes over the years in a variety of ways such as through my participation in competitive show jumping for Ireland, and by working in a range of back office and customer facing roles in the hospitality, retail and legal sectors, whilst undertaking my degree.

In May 2023, I will complete my Bachelor of Laws (Law Plus) from the University of Limerick (UL). Over the course of my academic studies, through the moot court and appellate court facilities, I have developed a range of practical legal skills including analytical and logical reasoning skills, negotiation skills, legal research skills, organisational skills, and teamwork skills. I have always strived for success throughout my studies and to this end received a letter of distinction from the President of the University of Limerick in recognition of my excellent academic performance on the programme.

On a personal level, owing to my passionate and ambitious nature, I am attracted to the fast-paced lifestyle, and variety of work a career in commercial law offers. I embrace new challenges and would welcome the opportunity to gain experience in constructing practical and impactful legal solutions to complex problems for corporate clients. I feel confident that the technical knowledge I have obtained through my university studies gives me a very solid foundation on which to build and will enable me to be highly effective in this role from the very outset.

Having researched commercial law firms, your firm immediately captured my interest as a market leader in the provision of excellent client service. The highly coveted award your firm received as the Banking, Finance/Restructuring & Insolvency Firm/Lawyer of the Year at the *2018 Irish Law Awards*, bears testament to the hard work and expertise of your team, and your commitment to delivering results for your clients. I know I can learn a great deal from Byrne Wallace LLP and am excited at the prospect of working with, and learning from, some of the leading legal experts in the country. I am also confident that my own skill set and willingness to learn will make me an immediate asset to Byrne Wallace LLP and enable me to contribute meaningfully to your future success.

After reviewing my Curriculum Vitae, I hope you conclude that I am the ideal candidate for your Traineeship Programme. I would be delighted to elaborate further on how my specific skills and abilities can benefit your firm and am available for interview at your convenience. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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