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Trainee Recruitment,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Alanna Byrne. I am a final year Law with History student in University College Dublin. I wish to apply for the Trainee Solicitor Programme at ByrneWallace.

I decided to apply to ByrneWallace as it is one of the country's leading and most progressive law firms, with a reputation for providing excellent training. When researching the firm, it became clear to me that ByrneWallace is a fast-paced and challenging environment which really excites me as I am looking for an opportunity to put my skills and knowledge to the test. The firm's focus on delivering outstanding client service stood out to me and is something I would like to contribute to. In addition, the efforts of the firm in promoting gender diversity among its own partners is really inspiring to a young female law student. In particular, what attracted me to ByrneWallace is the firm's reputation in the employment law sphere. While interning at LK Shields I spent time working with the employment department and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, specifically the social side to working directly with people and companies to solve their problems. I can now see myself working in employment law some day and so the opportunity to work with one of the highest ranked teams in the area would be invaluable to me.

I am an ambitious and driven person and I wish to pursue a challenging and rewarding career in law. I believe that ByrneWallace can offer me a great start. Key aspects of the Trainee Programme particularly appealed to me. Rotation between the firm's core departments would allow me to broaden my knowledge and skill set. As well as this, the hands on experience rotation offers would give me an insight into which area I would like to work in after qualifying as a solicitor. The chance to be assigned to a partner in each department means I can learn from the best and this would be reinforced by the Learning and Development Programme. It's a relief to know that my education won't cease when I graduate college as I feel I still have so much to learn.

I have always preferred the corporate law subjects in college, since studying contract and company law in first and second year. This has influenced my decision to study insolvency law and employment law now in final year. I have a keen interest in the dynamic business world. This was compounded during my internship with LK Shields, where I had the

opportunity to gain hands on experience in a busy corporate firm. I enjoyed discovering how solicitors apply the law in practice and contributing to this, whether through research or creating court briefs. One unexpected aspect I really enjoyed at LK Shields was working on a team of interns. Teamwork is something I had a strong background in due to my interest in gaelic football. I have played with my local club for over ten years. This has been crucial in the development of core skills; communication and teamwork. Through experience, we have learned to effectively communicate with each other, we know each others' strengths and weaknesses and we can work together to score the goal or to win the match. I also enjoy volunteering both in college and in the local community. My involvement in the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and with the Irish Kidney Association has provided invaluable experience. The Corporate Social Responsibility programme at ByrneWallace particularly impressed me in this regard and is something I would definitely like to be involved in. Overall I believe ByrneWallace is a great fit for me, not just for my training but hopefully for a long-term career.

I hope you will consider my application.

Yours Faithfully,

Alanna Byrne.