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Dear Byrne Wallace Team,

I am writing to put forward my candidature to become a trainee at Byrne Wallace. I am a recent graduate of an LL.M. at the University of Amsterdam (UvA), and an LL.B. at Trinity College Dublin (TCD). This summer, I have completed internships in the International Tax department of Matheson, and the Corporate and Commercial department of Ronan Daly Jermyn. I am currently on course to complete all FE-1 Examinations by spring 2018.

I wish to become a Byrne Wallace trainee as I am attracted to the quality of the trainee programme. I would like to secure my training with a firm that is recognised internationally as being diverse, progressive, and at the forefront of legal developments concerning Irish and international businesses. Byrne Wallace is a firm that is dedicated to providing clients with the best possible legal service delivery, this is reflected by the firm receiving the accolade of Deal of the Year – Loans and Fianancing, SME Sector 2017 awarded by Finance Dublin. I am committed to pursuing a career as a solicitor at a firm who pride themselves on the high calibre of their staff, from trainee through to partner level. It is my intention to qualify not only as a well-rounded solicitor, but as an astute business adviser. The excellence of legal service delivery for both clients and staff is exemplified by the firm being acknowledged as Client Choice Awards Winner 2016.

I wish to work in a commercial law firm as I have developed a strong interest in corporate law, completing two internships in the sector, and gaining my master degree in the area of EU competition policy and regulation. I have written my master thesis on the relationship between the European State Aid law regime, and how it dovetails with provisions under Irish law. I am fascinated by the implications of the Commission decision in relation to the Apple tax case, and how this will effect domestic and multi-national firms operating out of Ireland in the future. Moreover, I am also acutely aware of the impact this decision will inevitably have on public bodies who are responsible for granting State aid. I am keen to work at Byrne Wallace, as the EU, Competiton and Regulated Markets divison has a strong reputation in the field, representing sector-specific industries. This is an area of law I am particularly interested in, and I am equally impressed by the trusted and reliable reputation Byrne Wallace has forged in this field, on the basis of past performance for clients. In addition, during the two summer internships I completed this year, I co-authored two articles in the field of EU Competition which were publised. These articles discussed the occurrence of ‘Dawn Raids’ in the Irish motor-insurance industry, and the Commission fine issued against Google for alleged abuse of a dominant position, in relation to it’s comparison shopping service.

Byrne Wallace advises a significant international client base. I believe that the importance of Dublin as a business, financial, and legal centre is ever-increasing in a post-Brexit Europe. I am accustomed to working in international settings and adapting to the challenges this brings, having studied abroad in both Italy and the Netherlands. I am drawn to Byrne Wallace as it is a firm with significant international clients, and an esteemed presence domestically, specifically with SMEs. I am confident that the skills of flexibility, adaptibility and compromise which I have developed during my period abroad, will be utilised as a trainee at your firm. Therefore, I am confident I would bring a strong skill-set to the Byrne Wallace trainee programme.

During my time as a student on exchange at the University of Bologna, at Trinity College, and at the University of Amsterdam, I have maintained a keen interest in public speaking and debating. At Trinity I was a member of the Law Society and the Philosophical Society. My participation has been to assist in organising fundraising events and guest speakers. I enjoyed contributing to college life, as it helped me to meet people from other degrees, and effectively communicate in a professional manner. In Italy I competed in an International Moot Court Competition as a member of a team. This was one of the most memorable achievements I had during my time studying there.

In my spare time I enjoy personal fitness and sports. I have practised competitive swimming since childhood. Today I enjoy swimming as a method of relaxation. Next summer I intend on competing in my first open-water event at Camlough Lake in Co. Armagh. Having lived in the Netherlands for my Master Degree, I am now an avid cyclist. I have refined my skills in Amsterdam, and put them to test in Ireland, recently participating in the annual ‘Moynalty High Nelly Cycle’ in Co. Meath.

I am available for interview at any time and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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