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Dear Ciara Loftus,

My name is Andrew Banville and it is with great enthusiasm that I am writing to apply for the Trainee Solicitor Programme as advertised on the ByrneWallace website. I am a Master's Graduate of International Law and Business at University College Dublin. I have obtained a first-class honours degree, graduating top of my class with a GPA of 3.90. I have both legal and consulting experience having undertaken internships in the tax and property departments of ByrneWallace Law Firm, the corporate and litigation departments of BHSM Law Firm and a consulting assignment with KPMG Ireland. In addition to this, I have been awarded 2nd prize in the Lewis Gaze Memorial Scholarship for my written work submitted to MARQUES on contemporary issues in European trademark law.

My primary motivation in submitting an application for a position as a trainee in ByrneWallace is that from a professional point of view, not only will I have an opportunity to work in a leading commercial law firm, but I will have an opportunity to work directly with leading brands and have a real impact on their success. The exposure I would gain as a trainee, when solving the most complex and challenging problems for clients across various industries would enable me to build upon and further develop the skills that I have gained to date. My studies have enabled me to develop an increased level of intellectual awareness and technical competence in both business and the law. I have developed an array of in-depth legal knowledge yet maintained a business mind-set. This has empowered me to provide real added value when undertaking tasks throughout my professional career.

When undertaking the summer internship programme within the firm in 2018, it was evident that there is an emphasis on supporting the professional development of trainees. This has encouraged me to apply for the Trainee Solicitor Programme. I have since completed a Master's Degree of International Law and Business in University College Dublin. I have completed a consulting assignment with KPMG Ireland, I have developed a best practice employment policy for organisations as part of a project associated with Arthur Cox Law Firm, I have undertaken an internship in the corporate and litigation departments of BHSM Law Firm and I have successfully passed three of my FE-1 examinations. I have gained a significant amount of academic and professional experience and I feel I am in a position to actively contribute to the success of the firm and its clients.

I hope that I have demonstrated the drive, commitment and enthusiasm required for this challenging programme. I have achieved top academic results and I have gained the relevant professional experience that will enable me to make an effective contribution to ByrneWallace upon appointment.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Banville.