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**Re: Traineeship 2024**

Dear Ciara Loftus,

I am writing to you to apply for the role of trainee solicitor at Byrne Wallace as advertised on the graduate page on your website. I am currently a Tax Trainee with McCann FitzGerald LLP having completed my Part 2 CTA exams (expected to become qualified CTA by 2024). I graduated with a 2.1 Bachelor of Civil Law with Arts degree from Maynooth University in 2019 and I have successfully passed all 8 FE-1 exams as of August 2020.

What attracted me initially to Byrne Wallace is the inclusive, progressive, non-hierarchical environment that cultivates a strong feeling of collegiality throughout an open an office place. Byrne Wallace’s traineeships programme appeals to me as your firm entrusts a high level of responsibility from an early stage throughout a 4 seat trainee rotation which offers a wide variety of work. Your firm provides a training and development programme, partner supervision and a mentor. This will enable me to grow both professionally and personally throughout the training process at your innovative firm and to learn from some of the most well-regarded professionals in the legal market. This role also offers a unique opportunity for international collaboration and to work in partnership with a global workforce and clients base. Having studied an interdisciplinary degree; a major in law with English literature equips me with an interdisciplinary outlook which is beneficial to work in varied practice areas.

A career in corporate law firm such as Byrne Wallace will enable me to assist corporate clients in ultimately obtaining their business goals. For example, as a Tax Trainee with McCann FitzGerald, I have assisted corporate clients in Tax Registration, completing VAT returns, Corporate Tax Returns and filing Stamp Duty Returns. This allows corporate clients to run their business smoothly in accordance with tax laws in various areas from Property Development to Tech and Life Sciences. In addition, I have assisted partners in advising our corporate clients at meetings. Working within a corporate law firm such as Byrne Wallace will be rewarding and allows one to apply the law to practical situations.

I possess transferable skills applicable for this role such as attention to detail. As a Tax Trainee I believe that this puts me in a unique position where I can demonstrate a high level of attention to detail in my work as I regularly complete tax returns, excel spreadsheets (calculating tax liabilities) and tax registration forms. I can bring this level of attention to detail to the role as a Trainee Solicitor with Byrne Wallace in tasks like legal research, creating legal briefs etc.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application, I am available for interview at any time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Anita Wong Meagher