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RE: TRAINEE SOLICITOR PROGRAMME APPLICATION

Dear Trainee Committee,

I am a final year LL.B. student at Maynooth University and I am extremely interested in obtaining a place on ByrneWallace's Trainee Solicitor Programme.

I am drawn to commercial law due to the diversity of work that can be guaranteed. I firmly believe that a diverse workload leads to the perennial enjoyment of one's day-to-day professional life, a factor that I value above all others. In this regard, I am drawn to ByrneWallace due to the vast range of practice areas that the firm is engaged in. My decision, however, is more deeply rooted in the fact that your firm possesses incredibly high levels of talent and expertise in all areas. I have a genuine desire to be a top practitioner in my field and I feel that your firm offers me the unique opportunity to learn from mentors that currently reside at the very top of their respective fields.

In my third year of University, I undertook a clinical placement in Mason, Hayes & Curran's Debt Recovery Department as a Legal Assistant. During this time, I gained invaluable legal experience and developed key legal skills by advising domestic and international clients, drafting legal proceedings and regularly attending Court and settlement meetings. I found my placement very challenging and rewarding and the insight I gained has further cemented my goal to qualify as a commercial Solicitor.

I have developed my legal skills, primarily, through undertaking practical modules such as legal skills and through volunteering as a legal information provider with FLAC Maynooth. My experiences to date and my passion for international business have provided me with a rounded global perspective of commercial law. It is my firm belief that I possess the skills, ability, and personality to succeed at any law firm and complement the team orientated work environment, in a very positive manner. I believe that effective communication, commercial awareness, and confidence are the fundamentals of success and I would consider these to be my core strengths. I have very firm goals and I am resolute in achieving them.

I have also refined and enhanced my legal skills through my extracurricular interests. I am currently the Alumni Office for FLAC Maynooth, having previously held the position of Secretary General in Second Year. I am also an Editor of the Golden Thread, a student-edited publication of Maynooth University School of Law. The Golden Thread provides a forum for judges, practitioners, faculty and students to publish short pieces on current Irish Legal topics. My editorial position has allowed me to indulge my passion for contemporary legal topics, while allowing me to explore and research areas of law that are of particular interest to me, such as developments in aviation financing, banking law, mergers and acquisitions and constitutional reform.

I have always adopted a proactive approach with regard to my studies. When I commenced my studies in law I was disappointed by the lack of emphasis placed on practical legal experience by my lecturers. I have endeavoured to improve my legal skills through gaining work experience, volunteering with FLAC as an information provider, and engaging in legal research as an Editor of the Golden Thread.

I firmly believe that my professional, academic and extracurricular experiences have given me the requisite skills to be a successful candidate for this programme. Please find enclosed an up to date copy of my curriculum vitae.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Anna Giles