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**Re: Trainee Programme**

Dear Ms. Onslow,

I am Anna Teague, a final year BCL student at University College Dublin, writing to apply to the Byrne Wallace Traineeship Programme. I want a traineeship that stands out from the others and is dedicated to providing the best legal training that strengthens my personal and professional development. The Byrne Wallace Traineeship is the perfect fit.

I would act as an integral member of the firm’s team as I have demonstrated both strong academic ability and a hard-working ethos. In the third year of my degree I studied at both UCD and Utrecht University and achieved First Class Honours. I take pride in my performance and I am currently working to maintain these high academic scores. This year I set out to gain more practical experience in both the legal and corporate sectors. I completed an internship in PwC in the Tax and Legal Services Department. The highlight of this was improving my commercial awareness and developing my analytical, interpersonal and teamwork skills. In January 2018 I seized the opportunity to discuss and consider the potential implications of Brexit alongside a Senior Principal Legal Advisor in the NI Civil Service. These recent experiences reaffirmed that I thoroughly enjoy working on challenging, complex projects that require a progressive attitude and consideration of the bigger issues at play. At Byrne Wallace I would be encouraged to push my boundaries and gain hands-on experience across a diverse range of rotations with the support of some of the best lawyers in the country. Byrne Wallace is my first choice as learning and development is one of the firm’s core values and trainees play an important role in representing the firm.

I value personal integrity and giving back to our society and, having volunteered in India and Ireland, these values hold strong today as part of my professional development. For example, I am currently a member of the UCD Student Legal Service. Working for a firm that supports the employees and members of the community is very important to me. Byrne Wallace’s initiatives are more than impressive. The firm’s Corporate Social Responsibility approach is particularly unique and exceeded my expectations due to engaging with the staff and holding a “Pink Friday” in 2012 alongside providing work placements for young men & women from St John of God.

Byrne Wallace’s focus on collaboration and support is one of the key reasons why I want to work at this firm. Working at MKB Law and on the Head Girl Team taught me the importance of leadership and teamwork when it comes to producing progressive, sustainable results. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in customer service for the last five years. This has taught me invaluable lessons including the need for clear communication and responsiveness in order to provide top-quality customer service. I have great respect for your focus on excellent client service and I am ready to uphold this as a valuable member of the Byrne Wallace team. I am a sociable and approachable person and I enjoy meeting people from different backgrounds. My decision to move abroad alone to study in the Netherlands demonstrates my readiness to embrace change, build relationships and learn from others. I would relish the opportunity to develop my skills further by joining the only top ten law firm in Ireland with Lexcel accreditation.

I have never settled for second place and Byrne Wallace’s track record and global reach speaks for itself. The firm was awarded Overall Law Firm of the Year 2018 and has been honoured on more than one occasion for Excellence in Client Service. Byrne Wallace have an outstanding client-centred approach, the best technical knowledge and a thriving learning environment. Having spoken with the current trainees at the firm, I am confident this would be the best environment for my professional growth.

Attached, please see my curriculum vitae. I appreciate you taking the time to consider my application and I hope you will find me a suitable candidate for your programme.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Teague.