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Dear Ms. Loftus,

My name is Annie Connolly and I am writing to apply for the position of Trainee Solicitor beginning in 2021 or 2022. I am a Final Year Law with Politics student in UCD, currently on a 1st Class Honours. I recently returned from an international exchange to the University of Connecticut in Hartford, Connecticut, where I studied modules in US Company Law and Privacy Law. I am aiming to become a solicitor when I graduate, and I plan on completing my FE-1s in the year after I graduate. I am interested in your trainee programme as it seems it aligns with my goals of being able to learn from experts in a welcoming, open-door environment, while gaining excellent professional experience and training. Two of the modules I have most enjoyed in college are Intellectual Property Law and Company Law, which are areas that ByrneWallace practices in, and I could gain further experience with, as well as in other practice areas while rotating across the firm. ByrneWallace appeals to me as a firm, as it seems to be a very dynamic and ambitious firm, as well as having a very well-respected training programme which commits to mentoring trainee solicitors to ensure they get the most from their training. One of my top priorities in a trainee program is to find one with a strong educational culture and I have heard that ByrneWallace has at it core learning and development and hosts many educational workshops.

I think I am an excellent candidate for your Trainee Program as I am a dedicated and motivated person. In 2017 I participated in an initiative called 100minds, and I raised €1,130 for Temple Street Children’s Hospital. Through that program I learned many new promotional and organizational skills and was able to apply them to raising money for a very worthy cause.

Last summer I spent a month interning in the litigation department of Dillon Eustace solicitors. This really gave me an insight into the work of a solicitor and solidified my choice to go into that side of the law. I had a trainee buddy as well as a partner mentor, and they were extremely helpful in explaining the process of going into a legal career, and encouraged me strongly to become a solicitor once I graduate. Alongside my studies for the last three years I have worked in Eason Dundrum, which has afforded me excellent practical customer service abilities. All of this has been alongside maintaining a high level of academic achievement through college, and being very active in the non-academic and sporting life of UCD.

I would love to meet you for an interview and discuss all of this and my application further, and I thank you for spending time reading this letter.

Kind regards,

Annie Connolly