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Dear colleague,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the ByrneWallace LLP Trainee Solicitor Programme beginning in 2025. I am a recent University College Dublin Bachelor of Civil Law graduate, currently working at ByrneWallace as a paralegal in the Corporate Department while undertaking the FE-1 exams.

During my degree and after, I have done my utmost to cultivate my budding legal career. In UCD I was appointed Sponsorship Officer for the UCD Student Legal Service, undertook work experience with the Attorney General and received a high mark for my dissertation on Medical Consent for Under Sixteens in Ireland. I undertook Erasmus studies in Antwerp, Belgium, studying masters-level international law classes which would eventually lead me to my dream of an international relations traineeship at the European Union Intellectual Property Office in Alicante, Spain. These experiences have provided me with invaluable skills such as effective communication with colleagues and clients, a high level of professionalism and a strong determination to apply my legal skills and ideas in practice.

Since beginning my role as a paralegal at ByrneWallace, I have felt encouraged and supported in my decision to pursue a career as a commercial solicitor. I was initially attracted to the firm primarily due to its nature as a full-service firm with a vast range of practice areas, along with its role as an innovative and forward-thinking member of the Irish legal community. I have already learned so much from my colleagues and am inspired by the culture of continuous learning and shared opportunity at the firm. I have gained crucial experience interacting with clients, drafting legal documents and conducting legal research. My role has provided me with a comprehensive understanding of the firm’s practice areas, clients and values and solidified my desire to continue my professional journey with the firm.

As a dedicated and experienced paralegal, I am eager to take the next step in my legal career with ByrneWallace. What sets the firm apart for me is not only its reputation for excellence in legal services, but also its commitment to fostering the growth and development of its employees. Through working with current trainee solicitors, it is clear to me that trainees are given the utmost support to meaningfully contribute to the success of the firm while continuing their professional development. I am committed to upholding the firm’s values of teamwork, ethical standards and legal excellence as I transition into a trainee role. I also greatly value the firm’s commitment to the Corporate Responsibility Programme and hope to be able to contribute through pro bono work and volunteering.

In addition to my existing experience, I would bring to the trainee solicitor programme a strong work ethic, attention to detail, and a genuine dedication to the practice of law. I am eager to embrace the responsibilities and challenges that come with this role and to contribute to the continued success of ByrneWallace.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my candidacy,

Aoife Mitchell