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Dear colleague,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the ByrneWallace LLP Trainee Solicitor Programme commencing 2025. I hold a Bachelor of Civil Law from University College Dublin and currently work as a paralegal in the Corporate Department of ByrneWallace while completing my final three FE-1 exams.

Throughout my academic and professional journey, I have actively sought opportunities to cultivate my budding legal career. As the Sponsorship Officer for the UCD Student Legal Service, I honed my organisational and leadership skills. My internship with the Attorney General provided me with a practical insight into the public law landscape. My dissertation on *Medical Consent for Under-Sixteens in Ireland* was recently published in the UCD Law Review and received high commendation from CJEU Judge Suzanne Kingston. I undertook Erasmus studies in Antwerp, Belgium, studying masters-level international law modules – this led me to a traineeship in international relations at the European Union Intellectual Property Office in Alicante, Spain. These experiences have enhanced my ability to communicate with colleagues and clients and provided me with a high level of professionalism and determination to apply my legal skills and ideas in practice.

During my time as a paralegal at ByrneWallace, I have felt encouraged and supported in my aspiration to become a commercial solicitor. I was initially drawn to the firm due to its nature as a full-service firm with a comprehensive range of practice areas, along with its role as an innovative and forward-thinking member of the Irish legal community. In my current role, I have worked on a vast range of corporate matters including acquisitions, investment rounds and re-organisations. This experience has equipped me with vital skills in client, third-party and fee-earner communication, ancillary document preparation and thorough legal research. The firm's culture of continuous learning and collaboration has deepened my understanding of its practice areas, clients and values and solidified my desire to continue my professional journey with ByrneWallace.

I am committed to upholding the firm's values of teamwork, ethical standards and legal excellence as I seek to transition into a trainee solicitor role with ByrneWallace. What distinguishes the firm 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 my work with current trainee solicitors, it is clear that trainees are provided with the utmost support to meaningfully contribute to the success of the firm while continuing their professional growth. I also admire the firm's commitment to the Corporate Responsibility Programme and have contributed through volunteering for charity events throughout the last year.

In addition to an existing year's work experience within the firm, I believe my strong work ethic, attention to detail, and a genuine dedication to the practice of law would make me an ideal candidate. 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 consideration of my candidacy,

