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Byrne Wallace LLP,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a BCL Clinical graduate from University College Cork and am writing to apply for the Trainee Solicitor Programme with Byrne Wallace LLP. I have passed six of my FE1 Examinations and I am currently studying for my final two. I became interested in the firm after reading about their work on a particular transaction. From there I learnt about the dynamics of the firm, and its status as being one of Ireland’s largest and most progressive law firms. I particularly admire the firm’s commitment to fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment, as well as promoting innovation and curiosity among their lawyers.

I became interested in pursuing a career in a commercial law firm after discovering my passion for a fast-paced and competitive environment, having worked in start-up law firm in the past. From working in Walsh & Partners Solicitors I have improved my communication and problem-solving skills and wanted to endeavour a career where I would be able to transfer and utilise these skills in an intellectually challenging, yet supportive, environment. I believe that a career in a commercial firm will allow for a combination of my passion for finding creative solutions and working collaboratively, as well as being continuously challenged and pushed in my work. I want to work at a firm which offers diverse training, in a progressive and open-plan environment where I would be mentored by experts in their field.

Byrne Wallace LLP will provide an ideal environment in which to match my previous experiences with my career ambitions. The firm’s expertise in a range of practice areas, as well as their commitment to supporting local businesses and organisations, present an exciting opportunity to maximise my learning experience as a Trainee Solicitor. I am intrigued by the firm’s broad range of responsibilities; both commercially and socially. From advising Circle Voluntary Housing Association on the acquisition of 40 A-rated houses, to volunteering weekly at St. Audoen’s National School reading club.

Learning about the firm’s culture of curiosity and the unique learning experience they provide in their Trainee Solicitor Programme; I became interested in the supportive and innovative approach Byrne Wallace LLP employs. Following this approach, I imagine, is key to the firm’s success, as creating an environment where interns and trainees are trusted and encouraged to offer intelligence provides for unique and effective legal solutions allowing clients to realise new opportunities and promising outcomes.

The firm have a strong reputation for their professionalism and support in developing their lawyers to be the best that they can - driving an influential and inspiring workforce which makes a real, positive impact on society. From hearing the firm’s current trainees speak at the recent webinar, it is clear that strong interpersonal and communication skills, as well as having the ability to prioritise tasks and work effectively under pressure are particularly important to the skillset of a solicitor at the firm. My previous experiences have allowed me to develop these skills to a particularly high standard, and I am confident that my competencies I have developed from my degree, work experience and other activities will enable me to excel as a Trainee Solicitor at Byrne Wallace LLP.

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

Yours sincerely,

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