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**Trainee Position**

Dear Ms Murray,

I wish to apply for the trainee solicitor role in ByrneWallace LLP. Having previously worked as a secretary within the health services department the culture and collaboration of ByrneWallace LLP impressed me. I attach my CV in support of my application. I have a Law with Business degree and have completed the FE1 exams while working fulltime. I passed the final two exams in March this year.

I am deeply committed to ongoing learning. I read and research beyond the confines of my employment. In my current, largely administrative, role as a legal secretary in NTMA, I continuously background myself on a range of medical conditions and procedures so as to better understand the cases that I am involved with. This adds interest and depth even to the more mundane tasks I carry out in the Clinical Litigation Unit. I follow emerging legal challenges and opportunities. In the field of medical negligence, for example, I believe that there is likely to be a surge down the road of ‘delayed diagnosis’ and ‘delayed treatment’ cases among non-Covid patients, particularly where it can be proven that the HSE had capacity and failed to use it.

In employment law, another area that interests me greatly, the first example of a claim for unfair dismissal in Ireland related to the coronavirus pandemic has occurred late last year. Also, the Government’s recently published National Remote Work Strategy has many implications for employment law. A new code of practice for employers and employees on the prevention and resolution of bullying at work became effective on 23th December 2020. This is a great example of the ever-evolving nature of employment law that is applicable to us all!

Following developments like these makes me increasingly determined to pursue law at a higher level than that of a legal secretary, hence this application. I a large firm like ByrneWallace LLP can offer me a wide variety of knowledge early in my trainee career. I have already worked in some of the areas that ByrneWallace LLP specialise in, and I hope that might shorten my learning curve with you. I can bring to ByrneWallace LLP personal resilience, the ability to develop deep and lasting relationships with clients and colleagues, a determination to keep pushing the boundaries of my knowledge, and a proven aversion to comfort zones.

I admire that ByrneWallace LLP prides itself on being a forward-thinking law firm. Having been an employee in the Health Services Department previously I already know the company culture is amazing and I would very much like to be part of this again! Thank you for taking the time to read this application. I hope that you will give me an opportunity to discuss it

Yours sincerely,

**Beth Creaner**