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Ms Emily Murray   
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Dear Ms. Murray

My name is Blathnaid Corless and I wish to apply for the position of trainee solicitor as advertised on the Byrne Wallace website. I am currently in my final year of an undergraduate law degree in University College Dublin. I expect to graduate in Summer 2020 with a high second-class honour’s degree. I have enclosed my CV in my application with details of my results and relevant information.

I have chosen to apply to Byrne Wallace predominantly due to the vast range of areas in Irish law the firm engages with. From my research, it appears to be one of the few top Dublin firms to deal with child-care law, an area in which I personally have a keen interest. I have taken several family law modules in UCD which gave me a great interest in how the Irish law interacts with vital organisations such as TUSLA and the HSE. I also studied family law while on Erasmus in Barcelona earlier this year, which gave me an insight into the comparisons between the Irish and Spanish jurisdictions.

It is also my understanding that Byrne Wallace is a leader in the area of employment law, an area in which I have a substantial interest. I am particularly interested in employment litigation, and I believe this is an area of law which is bound to become more intriguing and complex with the approach of Brexit.

I tend to favour areas of law that affect people directly, such as family law, possibly due to my own personable and affable characteristics. I have a wealth of customer service experience and I am currently working part-time in a hotel. This involves continuous customer interaction such as answering the phone and checking up on rooms. I also enjoy putting these skills to work while in college. I am on the committee for the Student Legal Convention 2020, and I will be representing UCD in mooting competitions later this year. I understand that Byrne Wallace is renowned for its excellence in client service, and I believe the customer service skills I have acquired would be put to good use in a people-oriented firm such as this one.

I hope that I have demonstrated the drive, commitment and enthusiasm for this traineeship with Byrne Wallace. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely

Blathnaid Corless