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 Dear Recruitment Team,

My name is Brandon Byrne, and I am a recent 2.1 law graduate from Maynooth University interested in the Byrne Wallace Summer Traineeship Programme. Having gained first-hand experience discussing contracts with the shareholders within previous employment, I gained an overview of how commercial businesses are impacted by the law and a recognition of understanding the values and strategy of a business. This understanding was furthered following my 11-week internship with Eversheds Sutherland in 2023. I recognise the unique role that solicitors play in enabling transactions. Commercially focused law carries a range of impacts and I believe working for Byrne Wallace is the best way to have a practical effect in a cutting-edge legal market and gain a unique opportunity to impact commercial goals in the future. I am attracted to a career that would allow me to use my legal knowledge in a business context and I believe that exposure to training and development within this firm would allow this knowledge to continuously evolve.

As an ambitious individual, I am interested in taking part in this programme due to its integration of training and development, exposing trainees to a high quality of work and responsibility. I am interested in the firm's blend of multi-jurisdictional expertise, representing an extensive client base. This representation of disputes across various industries is the epitome of significant commercial work, which attracts me to the firm. This diversity of work and breadth of practice areas is an attractive proposition when considering a potential future career. I also find the firm's development between law and technology intriguing. Having studied legal technology throughout my degree I understand the importance of this integration and I am fascinated at how the law continues to innovatively develop and how Byrne Wallace sustains this change.

I am attracted to several practice areas, including but not limited to the firm’s litigation department. From my virtual experience surrounding alternative dispute resolution, I gained an insight into the challenges that arise and what must be considered when resolving them. Dispute Resolution allows the solicitor to maintain a core element of business strategy and increases the probability of mutual satisfaction between the parties. The firm also displays a real passion to support its community. This partnership and responsibility demonstrate a genuine care and consciousness for the individuals within and outside of the firm, which I find highly attractive.

I would bring a range of skills and qualities to this role. I am a strong communicator; I enjoy working in a team and I am very well organised.

I have developed my communication skills considerably. As secretary for Maynooth University Musical Society and ELSA Maynooth, I assisted in holding events that deepened our member understanding and passions. Through effective and clear communication both in person and online, cooperation around busy schedules & encouraging creativity & respect, I ensured that these society’s were a place for everyone to feel welcome. The main function of my role was liaising with the committee, communicating with internal society members to provide all relevant information each week and communicating with external parties such as sponsors, businesses and hired persons in respect of any issues, upcoming events, deadlines, opportunities, etc. My communication skills developed further during my 11-week internship within Eversheds Sutherland. Not only was I required to communicate effectively within a team of 13 real estate solicitors, but I was also trusted with a significant transactional work which required me to communicate clearly with clients, other law firms and external organisations to obtain relevant information for each deal.

I enjoy working in a team. As noted, each of my previous employment opportunities has allowed me to immerse myself in the business and work well alongside my colleagues. Teamwork not only grants support, but it builds your confidence and fosters creativity. This was highlighted during my time performing within the Musical Society where I learned how to bounce ideas off one another, take initiative, apply criticism to my work, increase my self-discipline and overall enhance my creativity. My legal internship also allowed me to work in teams, the most rewarding being a campaign competition alongside four interns which we were lucky enough to win for our presentation on our very own Instagram campaign designed to attract future employees.

Lastly, I am well organised. Throughout various experiences I have been tasked with maintaining schedules, events, documents and emails. I have managed multiple tasks for several projects in a clear and concise manner. To do so, I ensure that I adequately balance my time and prioritise tasks in order of deadlines and importance. I found technology to be the most useful method to do so as it allows me to document and examine any upcoming tasks and look back on previous duties.

I believe that all of these skills are relevant and could be utilised efficiently within your Traineeship Programme. I hope that you have enjoyed reading my application form and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brandon Byrne.