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**Traineeship Programme 2016**

To whom it may concern,

I am a Business and Law graduate currently working in the Real Estate department of Eversheds Ireland. Having passed all my FE-1 exams, I am ready to take the next step in my career by joining your trainee programme. I was extremely impressed by what your firm had to offer having thoroughly researched your firm online and having spoken to some of your employees at the UCD careers fair. I genuinely feel that my areas of interest and my attitude towards work align perfectly with your firm’s and I know that I would prove to be a great fit at your firm.

I have always been attracted to the world of corporate law. From a young age I was intrigued by the high profile cases and mergers that I read about in the newspaper and I hope to one day play a major part in many highly complex, noteworthy cases. I know that joining Byrne Wallace would provide me with the opportunity to do so. For example, I know that Byrne Wallace recently acted as legal counsel to Cosmo Pharmaceuticals on its merger with Salix – a deal worth over $2 billion. I would really relish the challenge of delivering results in such a complex and high value matter.

During my internship at William Fry I worked on litigation in the healthcare sphere concerning an inhaler patent. I find the area of healthcare and life sciences to be particularly fascinating. It is also one of the highest growing sectors of the Irish economy and one which will produce a huge amount of legal work in the coming years. I know that Byrne Wallace is a tier 1 firm in this area and I feel that the experience and interest I have in this area would, in time, contribute to your sterling reputation in this field.

The one thing that really differentiated Byrne Wallace from the other corporate firms was the fact that they really embrace technology in order to more effectively and efficiently meet their client needs. I possess a qualification in this area and a massive interest in technology in general. Therefore, I really feel that my skills in this area would be well utilised at your firm.

As a Business and Law graduate I possess the perfect skillset to excel at a corporate law firm. I have gained an excellent understanding of legal matters while also developing my communication skills, teamwork skills and commercial awareness at the renowned Quinn School of Business. My love of learning, work ethic and positive attitude really complement my academic background to make me an ideal candidate for your traineeship programme.

I also feel that having six months’ experience in two of Ireland's top law firms, I can say with 100% confidence that I want to pursue this career path. I feel that the majority of other applicants are not in the same position. Although it appears a glamorous and rewarding career path, the reality is that there are many people who don't enjoy the work. I can say that I have enjoyed immensely every minute I have spent working in a law firm. In fact, since joining Eversheds in May of this year, I have not taken a single day’s holiday. I know that to progress in this field, you must have a huge passion for the job and I feel I have shown that I do.

Finally, I know from speaking to Sinead that there is a real collaborative spirit among the employees at Byrne Wallace. As a keen GAA and soccer player I feel my ability to be a team player is one of my real strengths. I feel that this is yet another area where my skills and personality align with those of your firm. Finally, my near perfect attendance at both lectures and training demonstrates the high level of dedication and loyalty I would bring to work at Byrne Wallace while also being indicative of my time management skills.

I would like to finish by thanking you for taking the time to consider my application and I hope to hear back from you in the near future. I feel you would not regret it if you chose me for your program. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Breen Reilly.