Dear Sir/Madam,

I would greatly value the opportunity to complete my traineeship at ByrneWallace and to continue developing my skills as a solicitor there thereafter. The broad scope of practice areas at the firm is of significant appeal to me, as it would enable me to identify the practice area I want to focus my attention on. I have a particular interest in your Health and Social Care and Child Care sectors, which reflect a large proportion of my postgraduate studies. More recently, Litigation and Dispute Resolution and Company Law have developed into further areas of interest for me, the former through exposure to the area whilst working in O’Flynn Exhams Solicitors in Cork and the latter through my FE1 exam studies. The rotation structure of the traineeship furthers my belief that ByrneWallace is the firm with the greatest compatibility with my interests.

I am a hard-working individual with a strong record of academic achievement, examples of which I have highlighted in the attached CV. I am a graduate of University College Cork, where I received a College of Business and Law scholarship to study a BCL degree, graduating in 2015. Subsequently, I completed an LLM degree in UCC, graduating with a first class honours in 2016. Most recently, I won the Law Society of Ireland’s Annual Human Rights Essay Competition for an evaluation on how Irish disability law needs to be reformed to offer greater protection for vulnerable persons with limited legal capacity in a healthcare context.

I have strong computer and research skills, I am ECDL qualified and I have Legal Database training which I have used consistently, particularly at postgraduate level. I have good communication skills, which I have developed through giving presentations both as a student and as a sailing instructor, whilst my written communication skills have improved through legal writing classes undertaken at postgraduate level. I am also accustomed to working to deadlines in the context of assignments and in striking a balance with other work and social commitments, enhancing my time management skills.

Outside of the context of the workplace and academia, I have experience in a team environment through working as a sailing instructor as part of a team of instructors, whilst I regularly partake in activities such as five-a-side soccer and tag rugby, playing a particular role in the organisation of our tag rugby team.

I would greatly value the opportunity to learn from the practitioners at ByrneWallace and to develop both professionally and personally in the process. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Bréifne Muldoon.