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**Re: Trainee Solicitor Programme**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a Master in Laws student at Trinity College Dublin and I wish to apply for the Trainee Solicitor Programme at ByrneWallace.

I became interested in pursuing a career in law early in my undergraduate studies. In furtherance of this, I completed a two month internship at Lavelle Coleman solicitors during one of my summers off, where I gained practical experience working in a corporate law firm. Upon returning to university for my final year, I joined the UCD Student Legal Service to gain practical legal experience dealing through assisting with free walk-in clinics for students facing legal issues, as well as contributing to SLS publications. This allowed be to further develop the skills I had attained during my internship while continuing my studies.

After graduating from UCD with a 2.1 degree in Business and Law, I applied to Trinity College Dublin’s LL.M. programme, where I am currently studying. Building upon my experience with UCD SLS, I joined the Trinity FLAC society where I intend to put the above skills into use and help fellow students.

With regard to academics, I have a keen interest in technology law due to its dynamic, ever-changing nature and the enormous amount of unsettled law in the area. I developed this interest during my undergraduate studies while studying Intellectual Property Law and Management Information Systems, and I am further developing my knowledge and skills in this area by studying it in depth at postgraduate level. Moreover, I am planning to complete my postgraduate dissertation on a topic in the area – specifically in relation to the right to privacy under EU law.

Outside of the classroom, I developed communication skills both during my studies and extracurricular activities. For many of my business subjects, group work represented a significant portion of the module grade and this often culminated in a presentation to the class. I gained a number of key skills in ensuring the success of these projects – including teamwork skills, from having to frequently work with different teams, as well as communication and presenting skills from delivering presentations to classes of hundreds.

Through sport, I cultivated a range of skills useful in a legal career. As a competitive sailor in a two-person class, communication, teamwork and discipline were prerequisites for success in a race. I was both youth national and national champion in the 420 class and represented Ireland at world and European championships. I also competed at university level, being a former member of the UCD Sailing Club, and raced in Intervarsity and Colours regattas.

I believe these skills would be useful to ByrneWallace and as such, I believe I would be an ideal candidate for your Trainee Solicitor Programme.

Thank you for considering me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Brian Kelleher