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**Re: Trainee Solicitor Application**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you by way of application for your trainee solicitor programme advertised on your website. I strongly believe my candidacy is of mutual benefit to your firm in terms of the experience I possess and the experience that you are offering within this role. My academic achievement of a consistent 2.1 to date places me as a significant contender in terms of my tenacity and determination to succeed in the legal and corporate landscape. This position would afford me an invaluable opportunity to explore the core sectors of your industry.

I am currently working as a Litigation and Property Management Agent in Permanent tsb. I have previous legal experience in both corporate and general practice firms: AMOSS Solicitors and Sandra McAleer Solicitors. There are many skills I believe that I possess which would be advantageous to pursuing a career in your firm. I am commercially aware. I have developed this by participating in internships and working in banking. I have also enhanced my commercial awareness through debating and negotiation in college. I am target driven and self-motivated. I developed this during my studies by having to work to a due date and in my current position in PTSB - where I work to a monthly goal. I am organised and good at prioritising tasks. Being the initial team member in my current role meant that for many weeks I worked and reported to management on a high capacity project alone. I am a team-player and enjoy working with and learning from others. I have been at the core of building a team in my current role, in negotiation endeavours and organising the UCD Student Legal Convention. Therefore, I also understand the effectiveness of open communication. Working to the high standards of a financial institution and third parties associated with such means that I comprehend the absolute necessity of client confidentiality and attention to detail as regards drafting legal documentation.

The reputation, culture and quality of training provided by the firm were motivations for applying to the programme. Byrne Wallace is an esteemed and highly regarded law firm, rooted at the core of the Irish legal system for many years. Listening to friends' experiences of completing internships in the firm I realise that I appreciate the values of the firm: that being forward thinking, with a client focus, high standards and collaboration. I note that the firm has won an abundance of awards: Law Firm of the Year 2016 and Chambers Europe Ireland Client Service Award 2017. I would like the opportunity to grow my career in an award winning law firm and build my repertoire towards these standards of excellence. Lastly, I was attracted to the opportunities the Traineeship Programme offers. The seat rotation allows me to gauge to which area I am suited. I think the traineeship would further my professional growth supervision and reviews carried out by partners. This alongside the high retention of trainees indicates the firm is committed to professional development.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I can be contacted any time by phone at (087) 3138717 or via email brid.kenny@ucdconnect.ie. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

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