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RE: ByrneWallace LLP Trainee Solicitor Programme 2024

Dear Hiring Manager of the ByrneWallace LLP Trainee Solicitor Programme,

I am writing to express my interest in applying for the ByrneWallace LLP Trainee Solicitor Programme. I am a final Law LLB student at Technological University Dublin (formally Dublin Institute of Technology) currently holding a 2.1.

My initial attraction to ByrneWallace LLP stems from my interest in its corporate team. I am impressed by its growth, innovation, and journey to becoming the leader of corporate-centred legal services in Ireland. ByrneWallace LPP's corporate team continue to not only meet but exceed the ever-evolving needs of its clients, evidenced by its high-profile clientele and its successes such as its recent work advising Toga Freight and Re-Turn. As well as this, I find the international aspect of ByrneWallace LLP to be particularly attractive, demonstrating the cross-functional teamwork required to operate within many different areas of law internationally.

My ongoing undergraduate degree in law, coupled with my interests in Company Law and Law Technology makes me an ideal candidate for this internship. Having studied these subjects in my penultimate year, I have an extensive appreciation of how they interact and mutually influence one another. Moreover, my personal passion for these subjects has driven me to keenly explore them with a deeper, critical, and analytical approach. I am highly interested in working as part of a team, advising on mergers and acquisitions as it would enable me to meet and work with many people from a variety of industries. Each transaction is multi-faceted and unique, which facilitates an engaging and dynamic working environment. I also find the emerging intersection of law and technologies to be fascinating as there is often little or no definitive regulatory guidance. My interest in this fast-evolving area has fuelled within me an ambition to further my understanding of how technological advancements could impact company structures and the current legislation surrounding them. I also believe that legal technologies are essential in improving the quality of legal services, increasing output and breaking barriers to justice. A career with ByrneWallace LLP would allow me to work within the corporate law sphere while also learning and developing in a tech-forward environment.

I believe I am an ideal candidate for this internship, as I have experience in being both a contributor to and formally leading teams. I understand the importance of identifying and understanding the team's goal, and our deadline, and what I can do to not only meet but also to go beyond the expectations set for us. I can lead a team to reach its objectives by drawing on my experience as a scout leader. My skills in effective communication, gained through presenting research projects to my peers and members of

the university faculty and my participation in moot court trials, also make me a fitting candidate for this role as I believe I have the skills necessary for client and stakeholder communication. Additionally, throughout my undergraduate degree, I have juggled my part-time job, my extracurricular activities, and my voluntary work commitments as a Scout Leader with my studies. Although some may see this as a struggle and a distraction from my studies, I have found that it has made me more organised and efficient. This has also improved my time management skills; I believe I am able to effectively manage my workload and time in a way which allows me to fulfil and maintain my longstanding commitments.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to discussing this opportunity further.

Kind regards,

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