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Trainee Solicitor Programme.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept my application for a position on Byrne Wallace's Trainee Solicitor Programme. I graduated from University College Dublin with a first-class honours in LLM Intellectual Property (IP) and Information Technology Law and am currently in my third year working for Kerry Group's in-house IP team.

I have found that working in the legal sector contributes to a satisfying life purpose, however, I wish to evolve from my current unqualified position to one with more responsibility, greater challenges, and therefore, increased satisfaction. Achieving this means that securing a training contract in a respected law firm is a must. My experience so far has been challenging, teaching me new skills and illuminating that learning will never end. Importantly, it gave me real life examples of how heavily relied upon my advice was. Knowing (and enjoying) this, I require my legal advice to be of the greatest quality. I feel a training contract in Byrne Wallace is a must for this realisation.

My main objective at Kerry Group was to improve our team's services to the company, and secondly, to reduce cost. Through working closely with individual teams in the Group to understand their needs I created and implemented forward thinking processes, such as budget caps, structured monthly meetings, reports and clarification on responsibilities. From my understanding Byrne Wallace also takes a proactive client focused approach. I have had great success with this approach, becoming the "go to" IP person for the most valuable side of the organisation.

My role includes managing assets, M&A due diligence, projects and individual requests. I quickly learned how to meet multiple tight deadlines and develop creative solutions to complex problems. There is the constant pressure to utilize the best possible judgement. I also have firsthand experience in contract drafting, reviewing, amending and direct negotiation.

A core part of my role is to advise the wider business on legal strategies, including executives of the company. I have learnt that the best way to succeed is to be unafraid of challenge by approaching each matter with enthusiasm and an eye for where the opportunity lies. I wish to bring this attitude and experience to Byrne Wallace while learning from one of Ireland's largest law firms.

I look forward with hope to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Cathal Kavanagh