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Celbridge,
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Byrne Wallace
88 Harcourt Street
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To whom it may concern,

Re: Trainee Solicitor Programme

My name is Charlotte Kirby and I am writing this letter as I wish to apply for the Trainee Solicitor Programme in Byrne Wallace.

I am currently finishing my final year of study of Law in Trinity College Dublin. So far I have found the course material both stimulating and challenging. Being introduced to the world of Law has been an eye-opening and an incredibly empowering experience, which I would greatly appreciate continuing at Byrne Wallace next year.

Having done research on the firm, I was impressed not only by its status as one of Ireland's largest law firms but also by its wide ranging areas of practice. In particular, the sectors of Employment Law and Commercial Litigation which I studied last year and have would be very interested in pursuing. What also attracted me to the firm was the emphasis Byrne Wallace puts on career progression and the dedicated support offered to its trainees. I have a passion for learning and I am always looking to better myself both personally and in my work and studies. The role this firm has in training and guiding their trainees showed me that this is a firm where my capabilities and skills will be developed and nurtured. Byrne Wallace's status as one of Irelands largest and most progressive law firms is proof that the time and money invested in the firm's development programme is well spent and the trainees significantly benefit from it. I can think of nowhere better to enhance my knowledge and help further my legal career, than Byrne Wallace.

I think the skills I have acquired throughout my studies and work experience have accurately prepared me for this traineeship. My course has involved a great deal of independent research, critical analysis and a lot of self-motivation, while previous jobs I have had have always emphasized teamwork, efficiency and exceeding customer and employer expectations. From working in retail I believe I have developed exceptional commercial awareness and customer service. The aim of the job is to understand and cater to the customer's needs which I believe would be hugely advantageous in a Commercial firm such as Byrne Wallace.

The experience of working in a smaller firm gave me a good overview of different areas of the law as well as a lot of hands on experience. It gave me an insight into the legal working world as well as the office environment. I leaned what it felt like to do work that would make an impact and was highly valued not only by my employer but also by clients. Knowing that I was making a

difference was a very rewarding and fulfilling experience that motivated me to work harder and want to pursue a career in law beyond university.

I regard this traineeship as an invaluable chance to learn from and work with the best. I have the capability and drive to take on the responsibility of this traineeship and the necessary enthusiasm and determination to make it a successful one.

Yours faithfully,

Charlotte Kirby