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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you to apply for a position as a Trainee Solicitor within Byrne Wallace.

I have just completed the BCL Law with History Degree in University College Dublin. I am currently employed there in the Sutherland School of Law, as a Criminal Law Tutor. I now teach approximately ninety students, across six classes, within the School. As someone who did not enjoy studying law in my early years in UCD, tutorials helped me engage with the subject in a relaxed environment. I am fortunate to be able to work with younger students to help return the favour to the next generation.

Alongside my role as a Tutor, I am also the current Editor of the College Tribune, Ireland’s only independent student newspaper. This makes me fully responsible for the overall management of the newspaper. I oversee the production of a thirty-six page, Berliner size newspaper, every two weeks during the academic term. The role involves leading a team of thirteen section editors, and over thirty writers and photographers. Since the paper is self-funded, I also finance its print costs through selling advertisements.

Having finished university, I just sat four FE-1 examinations, in Company, Criminal, Property, and EU law, in October 2017. I am awaiting the release of the results in late November, and intend to sit further examinations at the next sitting in early 2018.

My interest in becoming a solicitor is due to my experience of completing an internship in Deloitte in 2016. I was given the chance to carry out a variety of legal and accounting tasks while working in the Private Clients Department. As the Department is filled with accountants and solicitors, I was able to see the practical impact of the law on business affairs. For example, a piece of legal research I carried out on tax and employment law was then directly used to assist a client. It was a combination of this practical experience, alongside a growing appreciation of law, which confirmed my decision to pursue a career as a solicitor in a corporate law firm.

My desire to train in Byrne Wallace is due to a number of factors. I have spoken to several trainees and qualified solicitors in all of the major law firms in Ireland. Byrne Wallace was always highly recommended by those in other firms. When talking to people from Byrne Wallace, the quality of the training provided, and the level of responsibility assigned to trainees, were two key factors which stood out to myself. As Editor of the Tribune, I am essentially the CEO of a small business. I know how it feels when a person must sell their product or service in order to keep the business running. Therefore, I am interested in training in an environment which will allow me to utilise my commercial experience to benefit both the firm and its clients.

If you have any questions about my application, please do get in touch. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Cian Carton