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**RE: Trainee Solicitor Programme 2021**

Dear Sirs

I am writing to you to express my interest in applying for the Trainee Solicitor Programme 2021 with ByrneWallace. I am a European Languages graduate from Trinity College Dublin (French and Spanish, BA Hons (2.1)) and I received a 1.1 in my final year research dissertation. I have successfully passed all 8 FE1 examinations and I am currently reading an LLM in European Law and Public Affairs at University College Dublin.

I would truly value the opportunity to further develop my legal career and train to be a solicitor with ByrneWallace. The firm's reputation as a top ranked law firm by Chambers Europe, in addition to the firm's commitment to the success and development of its trainees stands out to me amongst other law firms in Ireland. Moreover, I recently attended the firm's Trainee Insights webinar and I was impressed by how many of the associates in the firm had trained with ByrneWallace. I was also delighted to learn that ByrneWallace has a firm choir as I have always been part of choirs throughout school and university.

I believe that I am suitable for the trainee solicitor programme not only because of my excellent academic record and valuable and diverse work and life experience, but I have a keen interest in both domestic and European law. I am a driven, enthusiastic, trustworthy and friendly individual and my experience outlined in my application demonstrates my ability to work effectively as part of a team or individually in a challenging and fast-paced environment.

By way of brief background, from January 2017 to August 2018, I was employed as a Policy Assistant responsible for Economic and European Affairs, at the Irish Embassy in Paris. I have also worked as a Legal Intern at Hayes solicitors where I gained significant litigation and dispute resolution, and transactional experience during my three rotations in the Healthcare, Property and Employment departments. I was recently employed as a Legal Intern in the Real Estate department at the international law firm, Eversheds Sutherland.

I am currently participating in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot with a team from UCD. Moreover, I am a volunteer with the Student Legal Services in UCD where I help and provide advice to students on a range of issues including landlord and tenant law; consumer law; and employment law.

I am committed to the development of my legal career and training to be a solicitor in a progressive law firm like ByrneWallace. I believe that I have the qualities that a Trainee Solicitor with ByrneWallace requires: I am enthusiastic about my career in law, I am determined and academically capable and I have been told by my superiors that I have excellent communication skills.

Should you wish to discuss anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,  
Ciara Doyle