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**Re: Application Trainee Position 2023**

Dear Madam or Sir,

I write to enquire about the possibility of being considered for the Trainee Solicitor position at Byrne Wallace LLP. Having achieved the MCL degree with a high upper second-class honour (2:1) at University College Dublin in 2020, I progressed to the FE-1 examinations where I have now passed seven subjects namely, Property Law, Law of Torts, EU Law, Criminal Law, Contract Law, Constitutional Law, and Equity/Trusts. Significantly, in February 2021, I was awarded the *Law Society Access Scholarship* which has been a great help in assisting me financially throughout my studies. I have developed a keen interest in real estate and commercial contracts, along with a growing interest financial regulations, and employment law. Therefore, I should like to develop my knowledge and expertise through work experience in these areas, and I hope that your firm would kindly consider me for the Traineeship. As my enclosed CV relates, I have experience working for Doyle and Company LLP as an Intern where I worked in commercial and property law as well as personal injury and family law. Further to this, I gained applicable beneficial experience and knowledge working with Barrister Niall Flynn in Mullingar Circuit Court, as well as working with Ms Brid Mimnagh & Associates Solicitors in Longford during the summer of 2019. This whet my appetite for acquiring greater legal professional knowledge and experience and to pursue and develop my career in legal practice. I am particularly attracted to Byrne Wallace LLP due to the firm’s strong reputation in data protection, financial services, as well as intellectual property.

The MCL degree programme incorporated all the necessary modules that would enable me to take the Irish Bar examinations. Its comprehensive nature covered all eight subjects that are required for the FE-1 exams and for admission to Blackhall Place. I developed a particular liking for, and strength in Company Law, Equity, Property Law and Contract Law. The practical content of my studies extended to my successful participation in the UCD Arbitration team that competed virtually in the *Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot* competition in Vienna in April 2020. This experience enhanced my strengths as a member of an efficient, effective, and dedicated team while allowing me to gain valuable experience and insights in dispute resolution, as well as in mock arbitral tribunals. Also, it sharpened my adaptability through constructing and presenting relevant arguments and through the preparation of written memoranda in a clear and cogent manner - an attribute that would stand as an asset if I were to be selected as a Trainee. The high standards of my MCL degree and my recent FE-1 results testify to my capabilities, my determination and drive to succeed, and to my intellectual ability. Furthermore, my MCL grades in Company Law (A-), Administrative Law (B+), and in the Vis Arbitration Dispute resolution (A), clearly demonstrate that I could bring my abilities into good and effective service for Byrne Wallace LLP and in its specialist areas. Thereby, an opportunity would be afforded to me both to learn so much more from the range of expertise in the firm, as well as to contribute positively to its work and profile. I have a proven record of a strong and effective work ethic, a willingness to learn and to engage positively with new challenges, and with people. Therefore, I should greatly appreciate your kind consideration of my application.

Yours Sincerely,

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