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**Trainee Solicitor Programme - 2023**

Dear Madam or Sir,

I write to enquire about the possibility of being considered for a trainee solicitor position at Byrne Wallace LLP. Having achieved the MCL degree with a high upper second-class honours grade (2:1) at University College Dublin in 2020, I progressed, amid pandemic restrictions, to the successful completion of all eight Law Society FE-1 examinations by October 2022. 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 intellectual property along with a growing interest in commercial contracts, as well as dispute resolution. 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 a trainee solicitor position.

As my enclosed CV relates, I have recently completed an internship with Lavelle Partners having previously held an Analyst role with JP Morgan. As discussed in more specific detail in my CV, the time spent at Lavelle Partners afforded me extensive direct client contact which allowed me to develop strong communication skills on a professional level. The time spent in JP Morgan, on the other hand, proved invaluable in developing a strong attention to detail through carrying out professional background checks on individuals and businesses. These checks would often be a deciding factor in whether JP Morgan conducted business with that individual or business. This role proved to be immensely beneficial both professionally and personally, as it allowed me to hone-in on soft skills all directly transferrable to performing as a confident and accomplished solicitor. My earlier and first initiation into practical legal experience was 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 inspired me 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, real estate, employment law and health care.

While a student, 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 and adaptability in effective teamwork in presenting clear and cogent memoranda and argument. I believe that my record to date demonstrates the work ethic and capabilities that I could contribute effectively to the work and profile of Byrne Wallace, and particularly in its specialist areas. I am willing to learn more and develop my skills and experience further, and I look forward to engaging positively with new challenges. Therefore, I should greatly appreciate your kind consideration of my application.

Yours Sincerely,

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