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Dear Ms Fox,

 My name is Claire Bulman and I am writing to express my interest in the ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme. I am a final year Law and French student at Trinity College Dublin - I am due to graduate with a predicted II.1 degree in 201

 As one of Ireland’s leading law firms, ByrneWallace is involved in deals and transactions which have the potential to change the economic, business and political landscape. Having extensively researched the firm, as well as having the chance to work with a ByrneWallace solicitor as part of my role with FLAC, I have gained significant insight into ByrneWallace’s progressive nature and its emphasis on training and development for the purposes of enhancing its trainees knowledge and skills. These are some of the factors which are most appealing to me as a candidate for the Trainee Solicitor Programme. However, it is not simply the prestige of working for a large corporate law firm which has attracted me to ByrneWallace. A traineeship at a commercial law firm offers the opportunity to take on work which is intellectually challenging, requiring practical application of the skills and knowledge which I have gained so far academically and in my work experience and extra-curricular activities.

 As part of my Transition Year work experience programme, I spent a month at Finbarr A. Murphy & Co., a general practice firm. I spent my time at the firm shadowing and assisting its solicitors - as such, I gained an invaluable insight into the day-to-day workings of a law firm. More recently, I have taken on the role of Voluntary Assistant with the weekly Prussia Street FLAC clinic. This role involves sitting in on meetings with the clinic’s Advisor, as well as recording these meetings for official purposes. My experiences in these positions have confirmed to me that a legal career is one which I want to pursue, and that I have the skills and abilities to succeed in this pursuit. In addition, I have spent the last four summers employed at An Post, which has contributed to my strong work ethic and to my experience and skill in working as part of a team.

 I have participated in numerous public speaking competitions, notably reaching the quarter-final stage of the Trinity College Law Society’s Mock Trial Competition. From this, I have developed a diligent approach to work and an ability to think on my feet. I will also volunteer at the Web Summit this November as part of the Operations team, where I hope to familiarise myself with an increasingly important industry, and one which is relevant to the work of ByrneWallace, given the emphasis it clearly places on technology.

 I believe that I have a lot to offer to ByrneWallace should I be chosen for the Trainee Solicitor Programme, and I know that working with the firm would be the best possible start to my legal career.

Thank you for your consideration,

Claire Bulman