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RE: Trainee Solicitor Programme

Dear ByrneWallace Recruitment Team,

I am a fourth year law student in Trinity College Dublin and am writing to express my desire to be a part of the ByrneWallace trainee programme. The opportunity to train in such a renowned Irish firm would be a privilege of enduring, intrinsic value. My desire to be a part of ByrneWallace stems from the Firm's esteemed reputation of legal excellence in a collaborative culture across a vast range of practice areas. I believe my drive, commitment, organisational skills and teamwork capabilities would allow me to uphold ByrneWallace's acclaimed reputation and enduring ethos.

ByrneWallace's progressive and forward-thinking approach plays a significant role in the success it has achieved to date. The Firm's emphasis on evolution, advancement and partnership is an ethos of integral importance and one I strive to implement in every facet of my own life. I had long set my sights on an exchange to the United States, an ambition I formed in the spirit of wanting to experience new perspectives, differing approaches and unique opportunities. In addition to constituting a challenging and enriching academic experience, studying at Washington and Lee University School of Law provided me with the opportunity to integrate into a diverse and inclusive environment premised on the importance of partnership. Employing the teamwork skills I developed through years playing and coaching hockey, I was able to establish new ties of partnership by drawing on my interest in sport and participating in the law school flag football league.

Additionally, university-run volunteer work provided me with the opportunity to work as part of a team dedicated to respect, inclusion and partnership both in the college and the wider community. From volunteering at a local retirement village to organising a food drive for a local domestic violence centre, I appreciated being able to participate in this kind of impactful work and witness the result of committed institutions with the means to have a hugely positive impact on the wider community. As a result of this, ByrneWallace's emphasis on building staff morale and cultivating a sense of team spirit through active participation in the Firm's Corporate Social Responsibility programme is an aspect of the Firm that is particularly appealing to me. A traineeship with ByrneWallace would provide the perfect avenue for me to continue exemplifying partnership and inclusiveness while immersed in the work of such a prestigious Firm.

Outside of my keen ambition to forge a career in law, music has been a long-standing interest in my life. On return from my exchange year I resumed teaching piano and music theory, an endeavour I began in my first year of college. Employing my drive and determination has been central to the successful retention of my students despite a year abroad and the onset of COVID-19 which made virtual learning the only viable option. My ability to be responsive to new demands and resourceful in my solutions correlates with ByrneWallace's need for efficient problem-solving skills in relation to changing needs of clients and dynamic laws and policies. As diverse as music and law seem to be, they are grounded in the same foundational skills and I look forward to one day serving clients with the same application of hard work, determination and resilience. A traineeship with ByrneWallace would offer an enriching, exciting and enduring experience of unique intrinsic value and I believe my shared enthusiasm for upholding the culture which defines ByrneWallace would make me a good fit for the Firm.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to complete a traineeship with ByrneWallace and gain experience in such a successful Irish firm premised on standards of excellence, specialist skill and client commitment. I believe the adaptability, dedication and diligence that have been essential in my life to date would assist me in upholding the esteemed reputation of ByrneWallace and exemplifying the ethos and culture of the Firm.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration of my application.

Yours faithfully,

Clara Golden