Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a current LLM student in Trinity College Dublin and a recent graduate of a first class honours LL.B degree from NUI Galway and also a graduate of Corporate Law from NUI Galway, who has excelled not only academically, but also possess a broad range of qualities and skills and has a deep love for the law. I have also passed four FE1 exams to date and I am awaiting results of 3 more. I believe I am an excellent candidate for the position of Trainee Solicitor with ByrneWallace.

I am currently a student at Trinity College, studying LLM International and European Business Law. I am studying EU Employment Law, EU Financial Services Law, EU Banking and Securities Law, International Aviation Law, EU aviation Law and Corporate, White-Collar and Regulatory Crime and will be writing my dissertation on Employment Law. I am aware that ByrneWallace has excellent departments in both employment and banking, which I would love to gain experience in.

I strive to be the best in every aspect of life, and I rarely accept second place. As a result, I have an exemplary academic record, excellent communication skills and an outgoing and determined personality. I am also a fast learner and have learned a great deal in my studies and internships to date, including practical research, analysis and writing skills. Having recently graduated with a first class honours LL.B degree and a high 2.1 (68% average) Corporate Law degree, I have studied a vast range of subjects, the majority being commercial orientated modules, which is where my main interests lie. I hope to develop these to a higher standard during my LLM degree.

I have gained considerable practical legal experience to date. During my final year in University I volunteered for FLAC where I worked amongst a group of other law students with the help of a solicitor to provide free legal aid to students. I gained experience in Berwick Solicitors, Galway upon finishing my degree, where I worked in Employment Law, Family Law and Litigation. In May 2015, I participated in a summer internship programme with Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors in Galway. In this position I was exposed to a wide range of practice areas and worked closely on a number of cases mainly concerning large companies, public sector bodies and government agencies. During my time as summer intern I attended the High Court in Dublin, the County Registrar in Galway and a Labour Relations Commissioner Hearing. I spent the majority of my time in the employment department which I have a particular interest in and I would love to expand on this experience in the excellent employment law department at ByrneWallace.

I recently attended a Trainee event at your firm’s office in Harcourt Street which I found gave me a clear insight into the trainee programme ByrneWallace has to offer. I found it a valuable opportunity to speak to so many current trainees and solicitors about various aspects of the firm, not only on the practice areas available to trainees but also regarding the social aspect and charity work the firm is involved in. I spoke to various members of the Employment and Banking departments which are areas I am currently studying in my LLM and would love to gain experience in. This was an excellent experience and made the firm stand out to me as the level of dedication and organisation which went into organising such an event for prospective trainees showed me that ByrneWallace truly cares about its trainees.

I look forward to hearing from your selection team and to the prospect of joining the firm.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Mannion