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To whom it may concern,

I would like to submit an application for your 2021 Traineeship programme. I have enclosed a copy of my Curriculum Vitae with this letter, which outline my general achievements (both academically and otherwise), interests and previous employment.

I believe that I would be a good candidate to join the Byrne Wallace team, as I have a keen interest in the area of commercial law. I have particularly drawn towards subjects of a commercial nature during my time as an undergraduate student, such as Company Law, Employment Law, and Banking and Financial Law; scoring quite well in these subjects, with 63%, 58% and 61%, being my consecutive scores. I would value the opportunity to gain practical experience in Commercial Law areas such as these in a well renowned Commercial Law firm such as Byrne Wallace, and hopefully to gain experience and knowledge in areas I had not been exposed to in University.

During my time as an Undergraduate student, I consistently achieved a 2.1 GPA, and ultimately graduated with a strong 2.1 of 64%, and placed 27th out of my class of 138 students, therefore graduating in the top 20% of my class.

As well as receiving my degree, I was awarded the “Department of Law Research Participation Award” 2020; a large- scale project, in association with MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) which concerns the impact of Wikipedia on the Irish Supreme Court cases’ influence. It is a unique undergraduate research project aimed at making access to Irish Supreme Court cases easier, without the use of expensive legal research platforms.

I have also decided also, to take advantage of the current crisis and sit my FE1 examinations. I am due to sit my first 4 examinations of; Property, Criminal, Equity and Tort Law in the coming weeks (November 2020 sitting), and hope to sit my remaining 4 exams in March 2021.

I have extensive experience in the hospitality industry, holding several supervisory roles over the past few years, from the age of 19. This experience has proved extremely useful in developing my communicational skills, patience, time management, team work skills and has made me learn how to very effectively work under pressure and in a fast-paced environment. I enjoy being challenged and can adapt to my work environment very quickly.

Due to these acquired skills, I believe I would make a valuable addition to the team at Byrne Wallace. I am extremely willing to learn, and have had a strong desire to become a solicitor since my early teenage years, when I was given the opportunity to work as an office agent in my hometown of Drogheda. This job allowed me to observe the day-to-day activities and running of a small law firm, and sparked my interest in following a career in the legal sector. From here, I was given the opportunity to do summer internships in that same office throughout my time as an undergraduate student, which further enhanced my knowledge and interest in pursuing a career as a commercial solicitor.

If I were to be given the opportunity to be a part of Byrne Wallace, I would hugely value the opportunity. I hope you will consider me as a potential candidate.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards,

Cliodhna McHugh