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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to apply for a position at the Trainee Solicitor Programme at Byrne Wallace. I believe the skills and knowledge I have developed through my professional and academic experience make me a strong candidate for this programme. I feel as though I have grown and matured as I progressed from a Bachelor of Arts Degree, to an LLB Postgraduate degree, and finally to an LLM in European Law. My postgraduate studies have helped me develop a broad ranging knowledge of Irish law, and a deep understanding of EU law. I passed three FE-1 examinations in March of this year, and I am currently studying in a full-time capacity in order to sit and pass five examinations in November 2020.

From September to December 2019, I worked as an intern at Hayes solicitors in Dublin. I thoroughly enjoyed working in a fast-paced work environment, where I gained an insight into the litigation process. I was assigned to a small standalone team representing the HSE and Department of Health, in a case involving a legal challenge to the Pandemrix vaccine. I attended consultations with solicitors and counsel in preparation for trial, and with medical experts who were due to give evidence for the case. This trial required the consideration and evaluation of thousands of documents. It was characterized as the largest discovery project in the history of the State. I was required to work with a large variety of documentation and execute a large variety of urgent tasks. I also developed my skills in using specialised software. I managed and organised matter files on the practice management software Practice Evolve. I

managed documents online in High Court proceedings on Trialview, and edited large documents on Adobe Nitro Pro.

In the summer of 2019, I completed an LLM in European Law at the Europa Institute at Leiden University in the Netherlands. The Europa Institute is one of the leading institutes for EU law in Europe, and publishes the Common Market Law Review. I gained a strong and broad understanding of EU law. I enjoyed the challenge of adapting to a new environment and studying in an international setting. I developed my legal research and writing skills in a module dedicated specifically to a research essay. I was awarded a high grade of 80% for my research essay in that module. I excelled in my exams, and conducted in-depth specialised research in the area of EU external relations law while writing my thesis, for which I was awarded a high mark of 75%. Overall, I achieved an end of year result of 74% for my LLM in European Law.

In 2018, I completed an LLB postgraduate degree with a 2:1 (64.75%) grade at NUI Galway. I was awarded four first-class honours grades, including for my Company Law exam and for my final essay on the duty to give reasons for administrative decisions under the supervision of Mr Thomas O'Malley. I also represented NUI Galway at the national moot court competition through Irish, the Gael Linn Bréagchúirt Uí Dhálaigh, where my teammate and I reached the final of the competition.

In support of my application, I would like to add that I am an energetic and enthusiastic person, with a genuine interest in trade and commercial law. It is my ambition to qualify as a solicitor in the coming years. I would therefore relish the opportunity to participate in Traineeship Programme at Byrne Wallace. The reputation of your traineeship is renowned, and I believe my skills, knowledge, and capacity to learn make me well suited to this programme. I am a flexible person, and in light of the current circumstances, I would add that I have the capacity to work from home, or attend the office depending on what would be required of me. Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,



Conor Ó Curraín