**Human Resources**

**Byrne Wallace,**

**88 Harcourt Street,**

**Dublin 2.**

**20th September 2017**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you to apply for one of the trainee solicitor positions available within your firm.

By way of introduction, my name is Conor Dunne. I graduated from DCU in 2016 with a degree in Economics, Politics and Law in which I obtained 2.1 overall (Avg 68%). To date, I have passed six FE-1 examinations and have applied to sit the remainder this October. I fully intend to begin PPC-1 in September 2018.

I have decided to apply to Byrne Wallace as they are consistently recognised as the leading law firms in the country across a number of practice areas on review websites such as Legal500. Moreover, the firm was selected as Law Firm of the Year in 2016! I hope I can one day be regarded as one of the leading minds in the practice area I end up in and I feel that in order to advance my career to that level, the best possible traineeship should be sought. As such, I am applying to Byrne Wallace.

Based on word of mouth, careers fairs and various social media platforms, Byrne Wallace seems like a great place to work. Ultimately, I would like to train with a firm that I can rise to Partner level in and have been advised that the retention rates at the firm are extremely high.

Moreover, through my own practical experience, I have come to learn that Byrne Wallace act for some huge multinationals and high-profile clients. This calibre of work is definitely appealing but also challenging, which I think is important in order to continue to grow in your profession.

Further down the line in my career, I intend to obtain a dual qualification and sit the bar of New York. I feel Byrne Wallace is an ideal place for me to begin my career as it also has an office in New York. Should the opportunity arise, I would love the chance to do a secondment in the firms New York office or with a client’s in-house department abroad!

Many thanks for taking the time to review my application and I hope we get the chance to meet in person.

Yours faithfully,

Conor Dunne

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