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To whom it may concern,

I am a BCL (International) graduate from University College Cork and am writing to you to apply for a training contract with ByrneWallace. I first became interested in ByrneWallace from researching Ireland’s largest law firms, where I learnt about ByrneWallace’s diverse practice areas, the empowerment of trainees within the firm and the high regard in which your firm is held.

Since my previous application, which was for your summer internship programme, I returned to my job in Dooley’s Pharmacy as an essential worker during the Covid-19 pandemic. I proudly worked 40 hours a week while graduating from my BCL degree with a 2:1 of 65%. While I was not successful in my previous application, I understood that I did not have enough legal work experience. This encouraged me to intern with the State Solicitor for Limerick City in the later summer months. I also began studying for my FE1 exams which I will begin in November 2020. I have begun my LL.M in Trinity College Dublin. I chose the flagship programme as I wanted to focus my study in the areas of corporate and criminal law. Modules such as ‘Corporate Governance in the EU’, will allow me to demonstrate an awareness and appreciation of the multidisciplinary approach to corporate law. This area of law was not available to study in depth in my undergraduate and I hope that this along with the other modules chosen will allow me to demonstrate a new understanding of commercial awareness.

I always knew I enjoyed the fast-paced nature of criminal law and litigation, but this was truly emphasised during my time working with the State Solicitor. I enjoyed being able to see the effects the work has on actual individuals and the exercise of human understanding. I want to use this year in Trinity to study the areas of corporate and criminal law together, so my proposed research dissertation is “Online Harassment as a Crime: A Comparative Law Analysis”.

I am applying for a traineeship with ByrneWallace because I am aware of the high regard in which your firm is held, and that this stems from a proven track record of delivering excellent legal services to a wide client base. I wish to be involved in such a team. I am a team player, but am highly motivated and capable of working off my own initiative. ByrneWallace specialises in practice areas which I have studied specifically and excelled in as part of my degree. For example, I achieved one of the highest marks in my class in Medical Law (70%), which encompassed areas I have a keen interest in such as; clinical professional negligence, employer’s liability and data protection. Furthermore, my competence in the stimulating field of corporate law has been sharpened following completion of contract, commercial and company law.

In conclusion, it would be nothing less than an honour to obtain a traineeship with ByrneWallace. A firm that remains loyal to its existing client base and strives for corporate excellence is a firm I have a strong desire to be a part of. I am confident that the competencies I have developed from my degree, work experience and other activities will enable me to excel as an trainee solicitor at ByrneWallace.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Constance Edwards.