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Ciara Loftus

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**Re: Traineeship Programme 2022**

Dear Ciara,

I am writing to apply for the BryneWallace LLP traineeship Programme commencing in 2022. I am a Bachelor of Civil Law graduate from National University of Ireland, Galway, currently pursuing an LLM in International Commercial Law in UCD. I am ambitious, driven and highly motivated to always strive for the best. This is illustrated by my progression throughout my degree, graduating with a first-class honour and ranked 3rd in my year. Having successfully balanced work, study and hobbies throughout the course of my degree, and more recently in successfully completing all eight FE-1 exams in my first attempt over two sittings, I have continued to personally develop the essential skill of time management in all aspects of my life. The year of 2020/2021 has sharpened my skills of adaptability, perseverance and determination. Both my college and FE-1 exams presented various challenges due to the events of Covid-19. The unknown of exam formats, the when and where of the exams and the uncertainty around whether or not the FE-1’s would in fact take place required me to adapt to the situation, while my perseverance and determination is demonstrated by maintaining a high average throughout my degree, successfully completing all of the FE-1 exams and striving to obtain a first in my LLM in International Commercial Law.

Having considered various career paths before embarking into college life, the ever-changing nature of law appealed to me. The variety of issues presented by clients means no two days are the same leading to a working environment where one is building knowledge and challenged daily. The elements of analysis and attention to detail required of me in my college degree and competitive show jumping campaign underpinned my career choice. These skills along with a high level of writing, communication, and a dedication to succeed in reaching the goals and targets I set for myself, affirmed that I can achieve a successful career in law. My interest in the economy and finance has enhance my decision to choose law as I am fascinated with how the global economy and law are so closely intertwined with regards to banking, mergers and acquisitions and tax, all areas in which BryneWallace LLP have established teams of experts.

BryneWallace LLP, as an employer, appeals to me on many levels. From a work perspective BryneWallace LLP offers the complete package. The Firm is globally renowned as one of Ireland’s leading law firm with award winning teams and significant clients in all practice areas. Having read that BryneWallace LLP has recently been awarded deal of the year in both loans and financing along with acquisitions proves to me that the exposure as an BryneWallace LLP trainee would be immensely influential in me building a successful career with BryneWallace LLP. On a social level, I am interested in volunteer work and BryneWallace LLP’s Corporate Social Responsibilities such as the work done in the community and the charitable activities resonate with me. Lastly to obtain a position with BryneWallace LLP who have recently been awarded such prestigious accolades would be the highlight of my time in the legal sphere to date.

I would be extremely grateful if you would consider my application and afford me the opportunity of showcasing my strengths and abilities.

Yours faithfully

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**Cormac Barry**