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**Re: Trainee Solicitor Programme Application**

Dear Sirs,

Further to the advertisement on your website, I would like to apply for a position on the Byrne Wallace Trainee Solicitor Programme. I am a graduate of the UCD School of Law with a degree in Law with Social Justice. Upon completion of my studies, I spent a year abroad in Canada before returning to Ireland to gain experience in the Irish Water (IW) legal department while sitting my FE-1 examinations. I have successfully completed six FE-1 examinations to date and I intend to sit my final two subjects in November of this year.

Working in the legal department of IW has provided me with a valuable insight into the role of a solicitor. I enjoy the daily opportunity to assist in providing solutions to key legal problems faced by IW. I am thorough in my work and have displayed the competency to be trusted with detailed tasks of high importance, further details of which are provided on my curriculum vitae. My experience working with the IW legal department has allowed me to develop the core legal skills necessary to contribute to Byrne Wallace from day one. These include risk analysis, problem solving and client engagement skills.

Throughout my time in my current role I have approached all of my responsibilities with the mindset of a trainee, aiming to learn from my instructing solicitors with the goal of developing the required skills to excel as a trainee and beyond. While I have had success in this role, I am now pursuing a traineeship and a career with Byrne Wallace so I can develop my skills in order to advise and steer multiple high profile organisations in a manner which helps them to achieve their goals. I thrive in fast, pressurized environments and I am determined to succeed at whatever challenges I face. It is evident from the 'Life as a Trainee' section on the Byrne Wallace website that a traineeship with Byrne Wallace would afford both the opportunity to work on complex matters, providing practical advice for market-leading domestic and international clients which is tailored to their commercial needs, and, crucially, the opportunity to progress within the firm.

Having worked with the IW legal team for much of the last two years, I know how beneficial learning by taking responsibility for distinct legal matters can be. With this in mind, the opportunity to participate in the Byrne Wallace trainee programme, which places an emphasis on empowering trainees to achieve their full potential, is particularly appealing. This, in tandem with a commitment to provide the necessary support, training and guidance, is indicative of an environment in which I can realise my full potential as a solicitor. I have demonstrated growth throughout my time with IW. Since Covid-19, I have taken on increased responsibilities within the IW legal team. For example, I report directly to the Ervia Chief Legal Officer on contractual risk relating to Covid-19 restrictions on a weekly basis. I am eager to make similar and enhanced contributions to Byrne Wallace.

I refer to my curriculum vitae which outlines my experience and skills in detail. If you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me. I would welcome the opportunity to outline my suitability for this role in greater detail and I am available for interview at your convenience.

Yours faithfully,

Craig Farrar