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Dear Manager of the Trainee Programme,

I am writing to you to express my interest in the Byrne Wallace 2019 Trainee Programme.

There is an abundance of reasons why this programme is extremely appealing to me. The depth to which Byrne Wallace reaches all facets of law is something which really excites me. There is always an opportunity for further learning, development and growth. The track record of Byrne Wallace speaks for itself. It produces the best lawyers and it would be my dream to learn first-hand from the best the legal corporate world has to offer. The ability to grow within a firm like Byrne Wallace would be a challenge which I would take on eagerly and enthusiastically, if given the chance.

There is also an abundance of reasons which I believe I would be the ideal candidate for a place in the 2019 programme. My background being in both business and law is a unique edge I believe would make me an ideal candidate for this role. My knowledge in both areas would greatly help in my understanding of Byrne Wallace’s clients’ needs.

Through internships I have learned the valued lessons on acting and presenting myself in a professional manner and how to further build a strong brand image. Byrne Wallace’s identity is one which I regard with the upmost respect, and if I got the honour to represent the firm it would be my mission to ensure that this identity was not only kept intact but strengthened further.

Team work is something which has been an integral part of my life, especially through sport. This is one of the key reasons I believe I would fit in so well at Byrne Wallace. The strong team based dynamic in the firm is something which I greatly admire, and truly believe I would fit in to seamlessly.

I have been an avid rower since the age of 16. This has thought me a lot about determination, discipline and teamwork. I was lucky enough to represent Ireland at the 2013 Coupe de la Jeunesse (Junior Europeans).

In college I have been a member of the first team in UCD since my first year. I have been heavily involved in the committee and running of the club.

I have won senior national championships in 2015, 2016 and 2017. I was lucky enough to compete and win in the same boat as 2 Olympians in 2017 - Sanita Puspure and Claire Lambe - which was an incredible and truly inspiring experience.

Whilst being extremely grateful for this opportunity and the success I achieved both individually and as a team from my time in UCD Boat Club, it did unfortunately impact on my studies from time to time. I learned some tough lessons on balance and time management, and I am all the better for it. I also suffered through many injuries and hospitalizations because of this level of activity, therefore it has taken me 5 years as opposed to the normal 4 to compete my degree.

I understand I do not make your academic requirements, and that you have an abundant of applicants who do, however I am just asking for an opportunity to prove that I have learned from my mistakes, and that I am a lot more and have more to offer than just my GPA. What sets me apart from other applicants is that I am aware of my strengths, but now I am also acutely aware of my weakness’.

I am now ready for a new challenge and for something I can give my 110% effort to, as I did with rowing over the past few years, and I believe an opportunity at Byrne Wallace could be the perfect place for me to find this challenge.

Yours sincerely,

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