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### Re: Trainee Solicitor opportunities 2019/2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Darren Barkey, I am a graduate of University College London (UCL) and University of Limerick (UL). I hereby wish to submit my application for the position of prospective Trainee Solicitor at Byrne Wallace.

The trajectory of Byrne Wallace as a commercial law firm, in recent years, has seen impressive growth in key areas, as well as the attraction of highly skilled clients in the Fintech space such as Aztec Exchange. The firm was equally named Law Firm of the Year 2016 at the Irish Law Awards. Both speakto the firm’s growing scale and range of services*.* In the current climate, given broader European trends, financial opportunities and risks, as well as the services in demand by clients, reflect such tumultuous and transformative trends. My strengths lie in finance-related areas of law that are tailored to areas of growth in the firm and Irish market. This is what sets me apart. While at UCL, I gained in-depth knowledge and expertise of finance law. I graduated with distinction with an LL.M in International Banking and Finance Law. Recently, I have registered for level I of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exam to add to my skill-set and human capital. My aspiration is to go on to specialise as a Funds Solicitor. This role offers pride in valued work, dignified and creative in nature, and high self-worth.

The LL.B (First Class Honours) at University of Limerick, by contrast, involved the study of History and French alongside Law. Lectures were held in French by native speakers. With fluency in the French language, I can penetrate French markets. I developed greater commercial awareness and a rigorous research methodology from history. I can bring a historical frame of reference, and international mindset, to the increasingly global legal challenges. The broad interdisciplinary skills, and global culture and mindset, also sets me apart. I was awarded the President's Letter for academic excellence. My experience as an Intern with Eversheds-Sutherland developed my team work skills, commercial awareness and research skills by using resources such as Legal Eye and DM. With First Class Honours, and a Distinction, my grades show that I can meet the intellectual demands of a legal career.

Thank you for reading my application. I would be grateful if I could discuss my skills and suitability at an Interview. It would be a privilege to be a part of Byrne Wallace.

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Kind Regards,

Darren Barkey.