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Dear Ms McLoughlin,

I am writing to express my interest in the ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme as advertised on your website. I am a recent law graduate from UCD who currently works in the area of aircraft leasing. Please find a copy of my CV attached with the online application form.

As an ambitious person, I want to train with a progressive firm which is competing at the top of the legal industry. ByrneWallace’s position within the top-tiers of so many practice areas demonstrates such standing, which is further evidenced by the firm’s accumulated accolades. I note particularly that ByrneWallace is the only large Irish firm to be awarded the Lexcel accreditation which I see as matching the high standards I would expect from any potential employer. I am also impressed that this commitment to excellence extends to more than just legal work itself, as illustrated by the variety of corporate social responsibility initiatives undertaken by the firm.

As someone who plans carefully for the future, I appreciate that a traineeship is only the first step in a long career as a successful lawyer. In that regard, I am attracted to firms which provide a variety of avenues for developing their trainee’s skills. ByrneWallace matches this requirement by providing both legal education seminars and workshops, as well as the opportunity to be assigned to an experienced partner during each rotation. Viewing this in concert with the hands-on experience a trainee receives, I see ByrneWallace as offering a truly rounded training experience which reveals its commitment to investing in its trainees as part of the overall architecture of the firm’s future.

I believe I would be an excellent addition to ByrneWallace due to my distinguished academic record. At university I have achieved first-class honours at both undergraduate and post-graduate level across a variety of disciplines which demonstrates my intellectual versatility. This high standard of results was recognised in the awarding of a scholarship from UCD and in 2017 I completed the Masters in Common Law degree where I was ranked 1st in my class.

I have a wide variety of work experience to draw upon which compliments the independent nature of my university studies. In particular, my current role as a paralegal in the aircraft leasing industry has exposed me to the importance of handling sensitive legal information with care, as well as experience in a fast-paced environment where teamwork is paramount. As such I strongly believe I would fit into the ByrneWallace culture of promoting a hard-working and collegial working environment. Similarly, as someone who works closely with legal counsel on a daily basis, I know the high expectations that clients have for their solicitors and would strive to build on this experience should I have the opportunity to with ByrneWallace.

I am confident that a traineeship with ByrneWallace is the perfect step to help realise my ambitions of becoming a corporate solicitor and it is a role which I would bring aptitude, diligence and enthusiasm to. If you require any further information please contact me at davidhick@gmail.com or 0861012992. Thank you for taking the time to read this application and I hope you will consider me going forward.

Yours sincerely,

David Hick