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**Re: Application for Traineeship at ByrneWallace Solicitors**

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is David Wacks and the nature of this letter is that I wish to apply for a traineeship position at your firm. I am a final year Law and Business student at Trinity College Dublin, in which I am completing a major in law. I learned about this programme by speaking to Lorna at the Trinity College Law Fair and by attending the ByrneWallace Trainee Open Evening.

In respect as to what attracted me to apply to ByrneWallace, first, I am very taken by the collaborative and collegiate work environment at the firm. This was clear from speaking to many staff members during the Open Evening, such as Justine, Stephanie and Kellie, who offered an excellent insight into the culture and work of the firm, which I was very enticed by. This, in addition to the firm's open environment, distinguishes the firm. This is very influential as the ByrneWallace programme enables trainees to have direct engagement with more senior staff and in return, this empowers trainees to complete their tasks to a more superior level due to the fact that such assistance is available when required.

Furthermore, ByrneWallace has an exceptional reputation in the remit of corporate law, being the remit of many awards and accreditations at national and international level, particularly in the remit of superior client service. Having studied Services Management, I am acutely aware to the importance of delivering bespoke and superior service offerings to clients. Having looked at the values of the firm, I believe that I would be an excellent candidate for a traineeship as I believe I would fit into the firm well. Furthermore, I was rater taken by the Managing Partner, Feargal Brennan’s emphasis on the quality of decency during his presentation and this is a quality which I strive to uphold. I would certainly describe myself as an extremely affable and approachable person, very progressive as demonstrated by my work ethic and participation in work and voluntary activities, and finally aligned and supportive. I am very impressed by the numerous charity initiatives and the pro bono services rendered to worthy organisations, such as collaboration with St John of God, Breast Cancer Ireland and Irish Motor Neurone Disease among many other worthy causes.

Additionally, working at ByrneWallace would involve working with high-profile clients with complex challenges. This certainly is alluring to me as due to the constantly changing commercial environment, this would enable me to develop very well rounded legal skills yet given the collegiate culture of the firm, knowing that support is readily available should it be required. Having looked at precedent cases of the firm, the firm has advised and represented many leading indigenous and multinational firms such as AIB and Irish Life Plc, each requiring bespoke, commercially focused legal solutions and this certainly is extremely attractive to me, given my background in Law and Business.

In terms of why I would be an ideal candidate for a traineeship position, first, I have an immense interest in working in a fast-paced commercial law environment. I have a particular interest in the area of company law and I was awarded the McCann FitzGerald award for the highest company law essay submission out of almost two hundred submissions. The submission was entitled “As Wise as *Salomon*: The Sagacious Principle of Separate Legal Identity – Observations from Ireland and Abroad” and a trenchant argument was presented as to why the doctrine of separate legal entity should be retained in this jurisdiction. I subsequently was awarded a first-class grade for my end of year result for company law.

Moreover, I am an extremely diligent and resilient worker who can work magnificently under pressure and deadlines. In addition to this, I would also describe myself as a very organised individual. I have employed and showcased these skills during my employment in previous roles such as in Coyle Kennedy Smyth Solicitors and PwC. In addition to the above, I enjoy working in teams and have utilised this skill as part of business assignments. I would describe myself as a firm negotiator, who would achieve an extremely positive end result while being emotionally intelligent and maintaining a positive relationship with other stakeholders. I have strong business acumen and commercial awareness; therefore, I am committed to a career in corporate law. Finally, I have strong communication skills and I can communicate with clarity, brevity and integrity across a wide variety of mediums such as oral, written and electronic platforms.

In respect of voluntary activities, I was appointed as a Head Mentor for the Student2Student programme at Trinity College for law. Both my colleague and I were responsible for ensuring that our twenty-five volunteer mentors were carrying out their tasks to a satisfactory standard and answered any questions which they had about the programme. There were almost two hundred students participating and we strived to ensure each student integrated into college life as best as practicably possible. This role also contained elements of event management, leadership and presentation skills as the position requires us to give presentations to over two hundred individuals occasionally. Such organisation, punctuality and reliability are highly necessary in a law firm. I received an endeavor award for my positive contribution to the programme.

Therefore, having regard to my academic and professional achievements, alignment with the core values of the firm and my extroverted personal and determination to deliver, I believe that I would be an excellent trainee at ByrneWallace. I attach herewith a copy of my curriculum vitae with this cover letter. I would be much obliged should I be afforded the opportunity to attend an interview at ByrneWallace at a convenient time for you.

I wish to thank you for taking the time to read this cover letter and I await your reply in due course. In the meantime, should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

David Wacks