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26th October 2020

**Re: Application for 2021 Trainee Solicitor Position at ByrneWallace**

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 ByrneWallace. I learned about this position on your website and also from attending the virtual Trainee Insights Webinar recently.

In respect of my skills and achievements, I have a first-class bachelor's degree in Law and Business from Trinity College and I am ranked in the top 3 students academically in my year cohort which reflects my strong work ethic, my solid understanding of the law, and my ability to perform well in difficult circumstances. I received prizes at university in respect of my rankings for both company and environmental law. I was a finalist in the prestigious Trinity Business Student of the Year 2019 award which acknowledged my leadership, commitment and contribution to the faculty among other things.

I commenced studying the FE-1 exams in October 2019 and since then, I passed all eight FE-1 exams on first attempt with an average score of 64%. This demonstrates that I have an ability to produce excellent results while working under pressure, that I can work well independently, and that I can digest complex and challenging legal information. It also shows that I am ready to commence my career as a commercial solicitor and would be very grateful to have the opportunity to train at ByrneWallace.

As evident from my CV, I have interned in three reputable law firms in addition to working in many other business related and administrative positions. These experiences have provided me with invaluable, practical experience which would be very useful for my future career as a corporate solicitor. I particularly enjoyed my time interning in a large corporate firm and enjoyed the diversity of clients, the variety of client requests and issues, the exposure to leading headline deals and projects, the camaraderie and support of working in a dynamic, fast-paced environment and the opportunity to develop intrinsically as a person. I felt fulfilled working in such an environment and believe that should I be afforded the opportunity to train with ByrneWallace this would enable me to grow and develop even more as a person but also to contribute as best as I possibly can to the firm; be it in the day-to-day tasks assigned to me or attending firmwide or other networking events.

In respect of why I would be an ideal candidate for a traineeship position, first, I am a very strong team player. This is essential to succeed in a legal career. I have developed strong

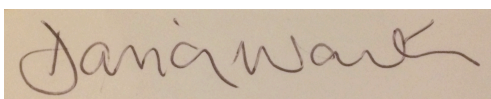
teamwork skills from my professional, educational and voluntary experiences. As collaboration is paramount for this role, I think I could contribute excellently in team based projects. Second, I am a very energetic and hardworking person. I have previous experience working in law and I appreciate that it can be demanding and that deadlines can be rather tight. However, I am a very results focused and hardworking person and know what it takes to succeed. As such, I have excellent prioritising and organisational skills. Third, I am a very adaptable and quick thinking person. This is particularly important, for instance, in transitioning to different departments on rotation or participation in a secondment. Fourth, 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. I would also describe myself as somebody who is tactful and emotionally intelligent.

ByrneWallace has always been a firm which I have aspired to train at and certainly this was reinforced by my attendance at the recent virtual Trainee Insights Webinar. I was very impressed by Feargal Brennan's description of the staff as decent, and I learned about the importance of being honest and fostering a positive relationship with those who you work with. Martin Cooney's discussion of the firm's highly collaborative and non-hierarchical structure are certainly very attractive features of the firm and certainly makes the firm stand out compared to other firms. Additionally, the fact that each trainee has a training solicitor who is there to support them throughout their training is another factor which stood out to me, and Conor Bates' discussion about his training to date rendered a very positive impression on me. It is simple gestures like the above which depicts the decency and humanity of the staff at ByrneWallace. This is not forgetting the sports and social, wellbeing and CSR events and initiatives as discussed by Grainne Murphy.

Therefore, having regard to my academic and professional achievements, alignment with the values of the firm, my extroverted personality, and determination to deliver, I believe that I would be an excellent trainee solicitor at ByrneWallace. I would be very appreciative should I be afforded the opportunity to attend an interview at ByrneWallace.

I wish to thank you for taking the time to read this 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 by telephone at (087) 2800885 or email at [wacksd@tcd.ie](mailto:wacksd@tcd.ie).

Yours faithfully,

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature appears to read 'David Wacks'.

David Wacks