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Byrne Wallace,

87-88 Harcourt Street,

Dublin 2.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to apply for a position on your trainee programme. Please find attached a copy of my Curriculum Vitae for your consideration.

Currently I am undertaking my final year in Civil Law (BCL) at NUI Galway. Through my studies in Galway and my internship in Matheson I have acquired a great interest in the field of law. In particular, I am attracted to Company Law due to its relevance and importance in our ever –increasing commercial society. The opportunity to experience the working environment of Byrne Wallace is very appealing to me, especially due to your client-focused practice. The idea of partners striving to become business partners with their clients highlights the determination of the firm to create a lasting relationship with all clients. Coming from a sporting background, I can relate to the importance of forming solid relationships with people for the purpose of creating a connected and efficient team that can deliver results.

I recently completed a summer internship in Matheson as a member of the International Business Group. The exposure I received to law in a practical setting was certainly an invaluable learning experience. I loved the fast-paced working environment a big law firm demands. Through my training and by being a member of a highly interactive team I acquired a diverse skill set. My presentation skills were frequently tested at weekly team meetings while my legal drafting and research skills were developed through assisting in the writing of a letter of engagement and researching sections of the new Companies Act.

The vast areas of expertise that your firm boasts is also very attractive, with particular reference to your sector in healthcare. Byrne Wallace’s positon as a top tier Healthcare Law firm by the Legal 500 is very appealing to me. The firm’s involvement in the interpretation of mental health legislation and representing clients in Article 40 inquiries is of great relevance to me. During second year of my degree I completed a module in Health Law and Policy, obtaining a 1st class honours grade. Furthermore, I am currently writing an independent research essay on the “Expert Group Review of the Mental Health Act 2001”. I am particularly interested in your niche area in Mental Health Law and the defence of insanity. Last year, I obtained a 1st class honours on a separate research essay which provided a critical analysis on the defence of insanity. The essay has been shortlisted for entry into NUIG’s Annual Law Review.

A career in law is an ambition of mine due to the exciting challenge of helping and advising people in a professional manner. The sense of clarity and logical reasoning behind the law appeals to my personality and work mentality. Applying to Byrne Wallace opens up the possibility of achieving both my personal and professional ambitions and I believe I could make a very positive contribution to the firm.

As you can see from the attached C.V. and application, my previous work experience as well as my academic and social achievements have given me the confidence and skills to take on responsibility and work as part of a team. I would truly relish the opportunity to gain experience and obtain a position on Byrne Wallace’s trainee programme.

Yours faithfully,

Denis Forde