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**Re: Training Contract Application**

I first became interested in law when I was young through a love of reading John Grisham and a desire to make a marked difference in the world. As a Law with History student in UCD each day I am both reminded of how lucky I am to have realised my ambition to study law while also being motivated to strive for further success. I am currently in fourth year and my intended graduation year is 2019. I first became aware of the training contract application process through conversation with members of the Byrne Wallace team at a careers fair in UCD.

From having studied Law as an undergraduate I have developed a real interest in complex commercial problems and legal issues, and I believe this interest is best served by a career in law. I aim to make a difference in the world, with the Law often playing an important part in today’s most divisive and fascinating issues. A career in law is one that offers variety, with every client needing a customised and tailored package of services to satisfy their needs. The very fact that each client is different and requires specialist attention to add value to their business guarantees that one is constantly learning and improving. I want to be the best I can be, both personally and professionally, and I believe that a career in law is ideal in that there is always room to develop and challenge oneself. While working at Deloitte I was engaged on a number of building, construction and restructuring projects. While I enjoyed my time at Deloitte it was the legal issues that arose which fascinated me, convincing me that a career in law was right for me.

I am particularly interested in training with Byrne Wallace for a number of reasons. As an intern in Deloitte Corporate Finance I was involved in a number of receiverships and liquidations and developed an interest in this area. Byrne Wallace has extensive experience in advising on some of Ireland’s largest restructuring arrangements, for example, advising Tom Kavanagh as receiver and Bank of Scotland Plc in relation to a precedent challenge following the merger of Bank of Scotland and Bank of Scotland Ireland. What is particularly impressive was Byrne Wallace’ work advising on the examinership of Monsoon in conjunction with PWC and Rossa Fanning. The examinership process is one that is completely underutilised in this jurisdiction, with only 29 recorded in Ireland last year. It is a process which tends to be incredibly successful for companies in financial difficulty and Byrne Wallace’s willingness to participate and involve themselves in the Examinership process is encouraging moving forward. In a similar vein I appreciate the experience Byrne Wallace has in the Construction and Real Estate spheres. At Deloitte I worked with a particular focus on development lands and build-out projects/remediation works programmes to residential developments. I believe that my interests in these areas would be best served by training in Byrne Wallace, as well as developing interests in other areas in which Byrne Wallace specialises.

While Byrne Wallace has specialist expertise in areas I am particularly interested in, Byrne Wallace is a leader in all aspects in this jurisdiction. Byrne Wallace’s reputation is one that stands out, as a driven full services firm with an expanding national and international client base. I am incredibly impressed by the firm’s open-door policy, progressiveness and forward-thinking nature, as well as its focus on corporate social responsibility. I feel that the opportunity to sit as a trainee in Byrne Wallace would mean I would be privy to some of Ireland’s most important transactions, and this would ensure I receive first class training.

I have a real interest in law that goes beyond my legal studies. I am a member of both the UCD Law society and Student Legal Service. I have competed in various mooting and debating events which have allowed me to develop my communication, analytical and advocacy skills. As well as this I have taken part in negotiation competitions ran in UCD while aiding first year students in their mooting preparation. I have an interest in the business world and I believe that I’m commercially savvy, having worked in a variety of roles. I keep up with current affairs, politics and economics by listening to podcasts to develop my commercial awareness. I am an excellent communicator and work well as a team leader or as part of a team. Having worked in a hotel I was required to lead teams serving for large functions of over 500 people as well as forming part of the team to serve diners at different stages.

I hope to have the opportunity to attend an interview with you about a training contract and I look forward to hearing from you in due course. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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