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To whom it may concern,

I am a law graduate of University College Dublin. I am writing to apply for the ByrneWallace Training Contract Programme.

I am applying to the Byrne Wallace Training Programme specifically as I have a keen interest in training with a firm which as a progressive and proactive approach towards addressing its clients needs, its own growth and development, and of course the growth and development of its trainees. Byrne Wallace recognises the importance of technology in a legal field. As the legal field becomes increasingly globalised and clients become engaged in an increasing number of cross-jurisdictional transactions, technology will become a key to effectively managing these transactions. Moreover, technology is a key way in which commercial law firms should seek to reduce client costs post recession. As well as being proactive in the area of technology, Byrne Wallace strives to be a leader in the area of gender diversity. I note that in early October of this year the firm achieved for the first time a gender-balanced partnership. In my opinion, all firms should strive for gender diversity. As Alison O Sullivan stated not only do lawyers deserve fairness and equal opportunity, but clients also expect it. I would also like to note that I attended the Byrne Wallace trainee open evening earlier in the week. The level of confidence which the speakers, Richard and Kelly exhibition was striking. It is apparent that the firm makes an investment into its trainees and aims to develop the best solicitors possible. This was apparent through both the content of their speeches and the way in which they presented themselves.

During my time at UCD I consistently maintained a 2:1 grade whilst being continuously employed and also maintaining my extra-curricular activities. In my final year, I rank 11th in my class. I have been actively involved in various activities and volunteering opportunities within UCD such as volunteering with HeadstARTS who run art classes for individuals with learning difficulties on UCD Campus every Thursday. I have previously had the opportunity to volunteer with the Jack and Jill Foundation and a local charity shop. I am also a physically active person and practice Bushido Martial Arts as I have detailed in my application form.

I have amassed to date over 6 months experience within corporate firms. Over the course of summer 2017 I had the opportunity to intern with William Fry's tax department for a number of weeks and also with KPMG's FS tax department. For the past 5 months I have worked as a legal intern on the construction and projects team with Eversheds Sutherland. Upon completion of an 11 week summer internship programme I was offered a position to continue working on the team. I am a deadline oriented individual which has served me well over the course of my interning experiences. I understand the need to ensure that client's feel as though they are the

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only client and the need for that firm to become an indispensable part of each and every client's operations. I have excellent communication skills and work well within a team. I am not afraid to ask questions or to speak up when I do not understand work which I have been tasked with. I believe that the skills which I have developed to date would be useful to Byrne Wallace and that a training contract with Byrne Wallace would help me to evolve even further.

Finally, I would like to thank you for taking the time to review my application. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

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