1 Terenure Park,

Dublin 6w,

Co. Dublin.

 16th October 2017

88 Harcourt St,

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Dublin 2.

**Re:** **Trainee Solicitor Programme**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to apply for a position on the Byrne Wallace Trainee Solicitor Programme as advertised on the firm’s website.

I am very interested in working with Byrne Wallace and I have attached my CV and application form for your perusal. Working with Byrne Wallace would provide me an excellent opportunity to continue my professional development. The firm is recognised as being Ireland’s premier firm with a string of recent awards in 2016 including being named Ireland’s best law firm by a variety of independent bodies. Byrne Wallace are a firm in which I have a strong interest in training with and practice in a number of areas that interest me, in particular intellectual property law. I am a recent LLB graduate from the University of Limerick. As part of third year of this course, I worked as a reconciliations analyst in Northern Trust for a period of eight months. Thus, I am eager to further supplement this placement and the theory I learned in class with real business world experience. My desire to become a solicitor increased through work experience at O’Donovan Murphy Solicitors. This professional experience improved my commercial awareness and showed me the benefits of working alongside and learning from talented and experienced industry specialists. My current role as junior legal executive in O’Brien Lynam Solicitors has provided me with excellent exposure to a fast paced legal environment which has given me the opportunity to expand and excel my skill set. This along with extra-curricular projects which I have worked on has been invaluable in developing my competency in overcoming challenges in a business minded fashion. I believe that a career in law would prove challenging yet rewarding, and the opportunity to work in an innovative and fast paced commercial environment such as yours would provide me with excellent practical experience.

This career is definitely for me and I am determined to pursue it. I believe I have the personal values and aspirations to match those of the firm as well as the individuality and diversity of experience to become a valued member of Byrne Wallace. Throughout college I have endeavoured to produce favourable results both academically and with those with whom I have worked on a wide range of extra-curricular activities. I am self-motivated and have the focus to achieve, whether volunteering in Tanzania or during the work experience I have undertaken. I strive to do my best at whatever I try my hand at.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Elise O’Neill