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Byrne Wallace, 88 Harcourt St, Saint Kevin's, Dublin 2

Dear Sirs,

I am a final year law student at Trinity College Dublin, with a strong interest in training as a solicitor in a corporate firm. I am submitting an application for the trainee programme at Byrne Wallace. I learned about your firm through Trinity Career Service and am very interested.

I have legal experience, having interned at McCann Fitzgerald, Flynn O'Driscoll and Charles Daly and Co Solicitors over the past two summers. These experiences confirmed my interest in training as a solicitor at a corporate firm. I acquired strong research and writing skills, analytical and problem solving skills, communication and presentation skills and furthered my commercial awareness. I am capable of analysing complex problems and presenting research in a clear and concise manner.

I am currently acting as mentorship coordinator for Trinity Women in Law Mentorship Programme which involves recruiting legal professionals to act as mentors and pairing them with current students based on their areas and interests. Given that a number of mentors are solicitors at Byrne Wallace this increased my interest in the firm. I believe that I would thrive in a fast growing full service firm like Byrne Wallace. I am particularly interested in the area of technology and data privacy and am writing my dissertation on AI this year. I noticed that Byrne Wallace is strong in this area which also increased my interest in the firm.

Byrne Wallace's corporate responsibility programme is also something that I value, particularly the Solas project. I volunteer with Trinity Voluntary Tuition Programme, giving Irish grinds on a voluntary basis. This confirms that my views and values align with the firm's. I also have strong experience with working in a client facing environment, having worked as a senior sales associate at Brown Thomas throughout college. I believe this also contributes to my suitability, given the client facing nature of the career.

I spent six months studying abroad in the US at Washington and Lee Law School, Virginia, and interning in Washington DC at Winning Strategies Washington. I gained capability of adapting to new environments and curiosity in my learning experience through this which I believe is transferrable to a career in corporate law.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be very grateful to be considered for interview for your traineeship programme.

Kind regards,

Ellen McGrath