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Ms. Cróna Mc Loughlin,

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19th October 2016.

Dear Ms. Mc Loughlin,

Please accept this cover letter and enclosed CV as part of my application for the traineeship programme with Byrne Wallace. Having attended the opening evening on Tuesday 18th October, I found it to be very informative and my interest in Byrne Wallace was ignited further following Michelle Ní Longáin’s speech and subsequent conversations with current trainees and interns.

I am a graduate of the University College Dublin Bachelor of Civil Law Class of 2015 (2:1) and most recently, the first ever graduate of the University Connecticut School of Law LLM in Human Rights and Social Justice in May 2016. Following completion of this Masters course, I completed a legal clerkship in the Probate Court in Farmington, Connecticut with Judge Evelyn Daly. Upon my return to Ireland I completed three FE1 Examinations in the recent October 2016 period.

I am very interested in the legal work of Byrne Wallace and both my academic and legal work experiences to date have prepared me for a dedicated career in practising law. I was very inspired and impressed to hear of a current trainee, John with a human rights LLM. The work undertaken by solicitors such as Sinead Kearney and Patrick Mc Clean in the areas of mental health law and children’s law particularly struck me as these are areas I have been engaged with in both Ireland, and U.S.A. My most recent experiences focused on elder law which, has helped me to view it as a growing area of concern and need also.

Throughout my academic studies, I have gained valuable experience practising what I have learnt and developing the legal skills necessary to succeed in a career in law. My time spent this past academic year studying and working has allowed me to engage in a broader examination of key legal topics and helped expand my thought process, applying those improved skills in a workplace environment. My experiences in dealing with clients and colleagues at various levels, from interns to judges has helped me to develop effective communication skills, that I believe would be a strong asset in the Byrne Wallace traineeship programme. I believe these communication skills coupled with my experiences of working in a legal aid centre, with the Free Legal Advice Centre (FLAC), Public Interest Law Alliance, and within the U.S court system will be essential to succeed in this programme, broadening my ability to identify legal issues and generate alternative solutions.

I hope to hear from you in due course and look forward to any questions you may have regarding my application. Please find enclosed my CV for your attention. I thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours Sincerely,

Ellen Reid.