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Byrne Wallace,

88 Harcourt St.,

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Dublin 2,

Co. Dublin,

Re: Traineeship Application

Dear sir/madam,

I would like to apply for a position in Byrne Wallace, as part of the traineeship programme, commencing in 2021.

I graduated from University College Dublin in 2017 with a **second class honours, grade one, degree in ‘Law with Social Justice’ (BCL).** During the four years of this undergraduate programme I spent a semester studying in the University of Antwerp where there was a heavy focus on European law and the teaching and learning approach was considerably more research based. Subsequently I elected to pursue a **Master’s degree (LLM) in ‘Human Rights and Criminal Justice’ in Queens University Belfast graduating in December 2018 with a first class honours** degree and an award of ‘outstanding’ for my thesis. I am currently studying for the FE1 exams for entry to Blackhall Place.

To date, I have gained experience working in a number of different legal firms:

* I spent a summer internship during 2016 with **J.P. Fitzpatrick and Co. Solicitors**. This is a general practice, based in Portlaoise, which engages in a wide range of areas such as conveyancing, family law, wills, contract law and criminal matters, with a large number of clients availing of the ‘Legal Aid’ scheme.
* While studying in Belfast, I worked on a part-time basis, over a period of six months, with **O’Muirigh Solicitors**; a firm which engages in a wide range of work but whose primary focus is on human rights and social justice.
* I completed a three week internship during the summer of 2018 with **Michael J. Staines and Co. Solicitors** in Dublin; a criminal law firm who work primarily at the Criminal Court of Justice.

 I feel the skills and experience that I would gain through a traineeship with Byrne Wallace would be invaluable. I would commit to undertake any and all responsibilities to the best of my ability and to engage with all opportunities to improve my knowledge, as well as my practical skills, in order that I might prove useful to the firm.

Yours Sincerely,

Emer Bennett