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Byrne Wallace,  
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Dear Ciara and Emily,

I have just finished studying law at UCC, where I achieved a 1:1 and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in my class of 59. I am completing the FE1s and would love to do my traineeship at Byrne Wallace in 2022.

I have decided to pursue a career in commercial law because this is the area I most enjoyed from the various legal work experience I have. I have previously done work in some of Byrne Wallace's main practice areas including real estate and litigation, as outlined in my CV.

The emphasis that Byrne Wallace places on learning and development stood out to me. I want to train somewhere with an educational culture where I can be constantly learning. The workshops would be so helpful, especially as a trainee. The open and friendly culture would allow me to learn from the best. The size of the trainee intake is also attractive to me. Being given independence at an early stage would allow me to develop quickly in each department that I the opportunity to work in. This approach matches my personal ambitions of excelling at whatever I do.

Being a full-service commercial firm would mean I would be exposed to many different areas of law through my rotations. The firm attracts fascinating clients leading to high quality work across all areas. I know it will be a rounded traineeship with exposure to a diverse range of clients. With experience in commercial litigation, I was highly impressed by Byrne Wallace's large and award-winning litigation team. Other practice areas that interest me are real estate and employment, which the firm has tier 1 status in. Byrne Wallace is the ideal environment to allow me to reach my full potential as a lawyer.

I have gained many transferrable skills required for a trainee solicitor at Byrne Wallace through a broad history of experience. As a business, a law firm needs people that attract clients. As a receptionist and waitress, I deliver memorable customer service to encourage guests' loyalty. I gained strong negotiation skills through working in marketing. As a chocolate maker on my J1, I impressed my boss by going above and beyond what was asked. Similarly, clients will remember if their solicitor mentions something extra. They expect an efficient service and as chair of UCC's Sports Law Clinic, I demonstrated initiative by thinking on my feet at short notice. As captain of my hockey team, I gained a flair for teamwork and leadership. Recently, I was asked back to my school to give a presentation and workshop about law. This really developed my public speaking skills. I entertained over forty students for the entire school day, keeping them engaged throughout.

I hope I have shown my abilities and experience are ideal for a trainee. I would welcome the chance to interview. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Macilwraith