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Dear Recruiting Manager,

I am a Fourth year law student at Trinity College with a strong academic record and many extra-curricular achievements. I am eager to pursue a career as a corporate solicitor after both studying aspects of corporate law and working in a law firm. I feel this profession would allow me to apply my legal skills in a very stimulating way. I would be very grateful if you would consider me for an opportunity of a traineeship in the ByrneWallace Traineeship programme.

I have found studying law to be a very compelling and invigorating experience. My capacity to write in a clear and succinct manner, coupled with my ability to grasp technical legal concepts, has helped me to achieve a 2:1 in my most recent exams.

I have previous experience working in the firm of Vincent Deane & Co. Solicitors which firmly established for me that I would like to pursue a career as a solicitor. I worked on cases relating to tax evasion, private disputes and criminal matters and accompanied the State solicitor to court. I found it very stimulating to observe how the role of a solicitor would allow me to use my research, communication, analytical and argument formulation skills to resolve legal problems and thereby facilitate the success of clients. I have gained further experience by shadowing solicitors at legal advice clinics, gaining exposure to the appealing client-facing aspect of the profession which would allow me to employ my interpersonal skills.

My current part-time job, although not office based has enabled me to develop further skills that I hope could be of use to you in your firm. I have been employed for the past five years by Carrabines Centra where over time my responsibilities have become greater. I am responsible for ensuring that orders for commercial clients are delivered by set deadlines and that we have all necessary stock, taking customer demand into account. This experience widened my commercial awareness and helped me to develop my ability to work calmly under pressure and my teamwork skills.

I have also enjoyed being involved in extracurricular activities throughout university and I am currently the fundraising officer of the Trinity Free Legal Advice Centre. My role in this

society has allowed me to develop useful legal skills and also my teamwork and communication skills as the society often organises panel discussions and social events. I have also got the opportunity to observe lawyer-client interaction at legal advice clinics.

I am particularly drawn to training with ByrneWallace for several reasons. Firstly, I would be excited to gain an insight into your firm's Family Businesses sector. This is a unique learning experience that your firm can offer and one of extreme importance in Irish society. Secondly, the ByrneWallace traineeship is one that empowers trainees to achieve their personal best and provide the requisite support and guidance to do this. This is an extremely appealing opportunity that I have heard first hand from my peers who have gained real legal experience working with ByrneWallace.

In addition, the sense of collegiality amongst your trainees at my university's recent careers fair indicated to me that your firm's working environment is very collaborative and cordial. I am a team player who has enjoyed being part of teams in the workplace as well teams such as the FLAC committee and the many other extracurricular teams which I have been a part of. Thus, such a collaborative and cordial environment is very appealing to me.

Finally, the corporate social responsibility initiatives of ByrneWallace also align very closely with my own volunteering experience. In particular, ByrneWallace has supported the annual Shine a Light Business Leaders Sleep out for Focus Ireland. The homelessness crisis in Dublin is a cause I feel very strongly about and have had a pivotal role in organising and taking part in a similar sleepout with the FLAC committee which will take place again soon on campus.

I have attached my CV which gives further detail on my work and volunteering experience. I would be extremely grateful for an opportunity to train under the leading lawyers in ByrneWallace and hope that my legal skills and determination to learn and succeed will allow me to make a helpful contribution to the work of your firm.

Many thanks for your consideration of my application.

Yours sincerely,

Eva Lindsay.