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Dear Ms McLoughlin,

20th October 2017

I wish to put forward my application to train with ByrneWallace for the 2018 programme intake. I have worked as a paralegal in the funds department of Maples and Calder for the past two years in a role which I have recently left in order to sit my FE-1 examinations. Prior to this, I worked as a paralegal in Terrace Chambers, Wellington, New Zealand for over a year with Felix Geiringer, formerly of Clifford Chance and Doughty Street, and Julian Miles QC.

As an undergraduate, I read law at the National University of Ireland, Galway, graduating with a 2:1 honours degree. I have always held a keen interest in the legal profession and this is demonstrated throughout my academic and work experience.

Following my final year at university, I moved to Wellington, New Zealand, where I obtained employment as a paralegal in Terrace Chambers. During this time, I formed an integral part of the legal team that represented a journalist who published NSA files on behalf of Edward Snowden. As part of this work, I assisted with the successful judicial review of a search warrant application against the Police and Government of New Zealand. More recently, my time in Maples and Calder has afforded me the opportunity to hone my expertise and knowledge of international asset management and investment funds, as well as offering me a great insight into the inner workings of an international commercial law firm.

I am motivated to join ByrneWallace because it is my ambition to train and practice law in a leading, award winning Irish corporate and commercial law firm. ByrneWallace offers the opportunity to work at the interface of commerce and law with internationally recognised clients. This is an exciting opportunity to further my legal development by working under the guidance of some of Ireland’s leading legal practitioners such as Michael Kennedy and Catherine Dowling. The responsibility given to trainees and the unrivalled quality of the training offered are extremely appealing aspects of the ByrneWallace training programme.

ByrneWallace offers market leading expertise in so many varied areas of law which makes your firm a unique environment in which to train. I am excited by the possibility of working in the Employment department, in Healthcare and Life Sciences and in many others, with partners and associates who possess unrivalled legal knowledge and commercial experience.

I believe that I am an ideal candidate for your firm. I possess an exceptional work ethic, and am a commercially aware, articulate and deeply determined individual with a proven ability to work to strict deadlines in a pressurised legal environment. I believe that I would be an asset to your firm and would continue to further your firm’s reputation for unparalleled excellence.

Thank you for considering my application.

Kind Regards,

Fiachra Mac Elhatton