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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Fintan White and I am in my final year as an LLB student at Trinity College Dublin. I wish to apply for the Trainee Solicitor Programme at ByrneWallace. As a law student in Ireland, it has been clear to me for many years that ByrneWallace's practice is a leading one in Ireland, and I am driven to gain an insight into working for the Firm. I am interested in a broad range of commercial law practice areas, such as Employment law and Litigation. I understand your firm to have a market leading practice in these areas, evidenced by your high ratings from Chambers & Partners, as well as winning Law Firm of the Year 2016 at the Irish Law Awards.

I believe my experiences have left me well suited to completing the Trainee Solicitor Programme at the Firm. While studying at Trinity, I have excelled in classes such as Torts and Private Law Remedies, and I received the equivalent grade to a II.I in a Labor & Employment law class at the University of Notre Dame Law School, USA. Though the legal structure of policy is naturally different, the module has opened my eyes to the exciting and constantly evolving industry that is the Employment sector. I am impressed by the long tradition of work by ByrneWallace in advising the public sector and working with public sector bodies in the area of Employment law.

The experience of studying abroad has had a positive effect on me, as the work ethic and determination of my classmates at Notre Dame has given me an even stronger drive to succeed to my best capabilities while studying Law. Furthermore, I took a Business class focused on Analytical Methods, which helped hone my decision analysis skills among other things. I believe these skills to be well suited to the commercial practice of ByrneWallace, particularly as the Firm has many large international clients. I enjoyed studying business and accounting in secondary school and it was refreshing to get to encounter commercial issues again, as I have a keen interest in commercial affairs, and would relish the opportunity to put this interest into practice by working for ByrneWallace.

I recently spoke with ByrneWallace trainees at the Law Fair in Trinity College, and the energy they showed as well as the level of praise they had for the firm were significant selling points. I also attended the open evening at the office this week, and between the presentations, speaking to more trainees, and even getting the chance to chat to Catherine Guy about the Development Programme within the Traineeship, my decision to apply was finalised. The ideas the firm has for development as well as their commitment to shaping the trainees as the future of the firm are both phenomenal, and I hope to be able to be a part of it.

Furthermore, ByrneWallace's commitment to their Corporate Social Responsibility Programme further cemented my interest in applying because I believe in using a position of status, such as that of a Trainee Solicitor in a leading law firm, to give back to society.

In my spare time I enjoy hillwalking with friends and also reading both fiction and non-fiction books. Hillwalking across Ireland, Canada and elsewhere has given me a much greater appreciation for the world, thus inspiring me to take on classes such as Environmental law last semester. Reading has always been one of my favourite hobbies and I believe it has been a strong asset in terms of my legal study so far.

I am very interested in working and qualifying through the Trainee Solicitor Programme at ByrneWallace for the reasons outlined above. Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Sincerely,

Fintan White