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Dear Sirs,

Please accept this letter as an expression of interest in the above mentioned programme. My name is Grace Molloy and I am currently a postgraduate student in University College Cork, studying Environmental Law and Natural Resources. I am applying for this position as I believe that I am an ideal fit for Byrne Wallace and that I could positively contribute towards the continued expansion and growth of what is an already well respected and established firm. I believe that it is a combination of my experience, my academic background and my own personal attributes that qualifies me as an excellent candidate for a trainee solicitor position within your firm.

As a graduate of Law and German, I have a thorough grounding in Irish law, as well as an excellent understanding of European and International legal systems. Throughout my undergraduate degree, I studied two very different legal systems through two languages, instilling in me a unique flexibility and innovativeness that sets me apart from other Law graduates. Currently, I am studying for a LLM in Environmental Law and Natural Resources. The course aims to integrate theoretical and practical aspects of the application of environmental, planning and natural resources law, and to connect the academic content with legal and regulatory frameworks operating locally, nationally, regionally and globally. A thorough knowledge of these areas will prove particularly important as Ireland continues towards their renewable energy goals and a carbon neutral economy. The business and financial opportunities provided by this ever expanding sector are endless, and as Byrne Wallace has a reputation for excellence in these divisions, I believe it to be the ideal fit for my academic qualifications.

As regards my professional background, I have considerable experience in the workings of a busy law firm, having just completed an extended internship in Tracey Solicitors. This Dublin based firm has a wide variety of practice areas, with a focus on civil litigation. Working in Tracey's allowed me to develop the diverse practical expertise necessary to succeed in a fast paced legal environment. As the only intern in this busy firm, I dealt with a wide variety of tasks. My flexibility, initiative and ability to multi-task helped me in this regard. I was in almost daily attendance on District and High Court motions on behalf of the firm. I was actively involved in the management of caseloads and prepared countless briefs, reports and documents. Apart from the court work, I was involved with many discovery projects, including legal research and compilation of same into concise briefs and reports. I have been fully trained in the usage of Case Management

Systems and various filing systems. In summary, I can confidently work in various capacities within a law firm. In addition, I have a wide variety of other work experience, in areas such as diverse as hospitality, teaching and lecturing. I believe this gives me a unique and flexible professional background that would enable me to thrive in a setting such as that of your firm.

As a person who enjoys variety and an engaging workplace, I thrive in jobs that allow me to use my skills and academic knowledge whilst constantly providing an environment to learn and develop. This is what has firmly drawn me to Byrne Wallace. As a firm with a longstanding reputation for excellence, it is already marked as being an ideal place for a trainee with ambition and drive to work in. With their progressive outlook and unrivalled depth of expertise in the energy and resources sectors, the firm particularly appeals to me as the ideal place to develop a career in these sectors, whilst still receiving a well-rounded training experience. After attending the online trainee insights webinar, I was impressed to learn of the firm's dedication to Corporate Social Responsibility through their involvement with the Solas project, as well as to their employee's well-being by having an active sports and social scene. In particular, the way in which the firm has adapted to current difficult circumstances shows that there is an underlying sense of decency in the way Byrne Wallace conduct their business-An online art class with Don Conroy sounds wonderfully nostalgic! In addition, to have achieved gender parity at partner level in a firm as well established as Byrne Wallace shows great dedication and planning and I was highly impressed.

In conclusion, I believe that I would be ideally suited to this position with Byrne Wallace and I hope that you will consider giving me the opportunity to further discuss my professional, personal and academic qualifications with you.

I am sure that I could bring as much to this position as I would undoubtedly gain from it.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding my application.

Kind Regards,

Grace Molloy