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Ref: Trainee Solicitor Programme

Dear Ms Loftus and Ms Murray,

Please accept this letter as an expression of interest in the above mentioned trainee programme. I had the pleasure of meeting with both of you and your colleagues at the Byrne Wallace Trainee Open Evening in late September. Thank you again for organising such an informative and welcoming event - it was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the firm and meet its people in a friendly environment. Having listened to the firm's senior partners Michelle Ní Longáin and Fergal Brennan, as well as to current trainees, speaking of the firm with such passion and pride, I am convinced that Byrne Wallace is the ideal place for me to train and qualify as a solicitor.

I am currently employed as a legal intern in the Dublin based law firm, Tracey Solicitors, which has a wide variety of practice areas, with a specialisation in civil litigation. Working in Tracey's Solicitors has provided me with invaluable experience, and I have the opportunity of working closely alongside the principal solicitor, Paul Tracey, who has over forty years experience in the profession. Working in Tracey Solicitors has allowed me to develop the practical expertise necessary to succeed in a diverse and fast paced environment. I have a wide variety of other work experience, in areas such as teaching and lecturing. I believe this gives me a unique and advantageous professional background that would enable me to thrive in a setting such as Byrne Wallace.

As a graduate of Law and German from Trinity College, Dublin, I come equipped with a strong academic background. This has given me a thorough grounding in all areas of Irish law, as well as an excellent understanding of European and international legal systems, a particular advantage in view of the ongoing Brexit negotiations. In addition, I have spent time studying, living and working in both Munich and New York, and consequently have developed the capability to adapt and thrive in new environments.

I feel that Byrne Wallace stands above other leading law firms because of their commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility, and to implementing that into the everyday life of the firm, benefitting their clients, employees and the community at large. That Byrne Wallace not only engages in, but prioritises volunteering, charity and pro-bono work allows it to stand out as a firm in the market, and I find the emphasis placed on these matters an enormous attraction. I am a keen runner, and have participated in many charity runs, including those organised by the Law Society of Ireland. I would relish the opportunity to become involved in similar events within your firm.

I am impressed by the firm's reputation for excellence across the many varied areas you practice in. I believe training in Byrne Wallace would afford me the best opportunity to excel in my career, as I would be working alongside industry experts with a wealth of knowledge

and experience. Having spoken with Sinéad Kearney at the Trainee Information Evening, I am especially interested in the Health Services team, and to the fascinating and unique work they do.

I would relish the opportunity to become part of the firm and to develop my legal knowledge and skills as part of Byrne Wallace's excellent and experienced team. In addition, the working environment seems to be one of amiability and respect, which is so important to me as I dedicate myself thoroughly to my work and immerse myself in it.

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

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