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Sinead Fox,

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**RE: Application for Traineeship Closing 23/10/15**

Dear Ms. Fox,

 My name is Hazel Kerrigan and I am currently a final year BCL (Law with Politics) student attending University College Dublin. I am writing to you to apply for the position of trainee within your firm. I believe my candidacy is of worthy consideration due to the legal knowledge and experience that I have gained to date.

My interest in ByrneWallace has grown from my attendance at the recent UCD Law Fair I was impressed by the progressive approach highlighted by your staff and the approachability of the trainees. I was also encouraged to apply for Traineeship Programme by Stephen Kane who spoke to me at the law fair and was eager to tell me of the unique training programme offered by the firm. I was excited by the prospect of gaining experience in an Irish firm which is growing considerably.

In applying for this traineeship it would afford me significant opportunity to explore the sectors in your practice which are of interest to me such as public and administrative law, employment law and healthcare law. A career in a corporate law firm encompasses a range of domestic and global issues, which requires a solicitor to think creatively, laterally and commercially. I believe that ByrneWallace epitomizes the fact that a large legal firm can operate in sectors which go beyond the realm of traditional corporate law. Throughout my degree I have studied the relationship that exists between legal and political spheres. I believe my knowledge in these areas could be beneficial to your firm as I have an understanding of how these areas are intertwined.

I recently participated in the UCD Legal Placement module where I undertook an internship with the Children’s Rights Alliance. This experience allowed me to appreciate the need for responsiveness when working with clients and members of the public. This experience was challenging, as I had no prior exposure to some niche areas of law such as social welfare law and immigration law. As a result of my time in the organization I gained an insight into the need for speedy and relevant responses to clients, many of who were in distress or trouble. The nature of this work also empowered me to think about the future needs of some clients and how the advice given to them may have to change in time.

I have been dedicated to a number of extra curricular activities while in university. I am currently training for the National Model United Nations Competition, which will take place in New York in 2016. While at the competition I will have to prepare speeches and presentations regarding topical issues and international problems. I was chosen as a member of the UCD delegation to the competition as a result of my legal and political knowledge and my willingness to problem-solve. I am an enthusiastic team player with unwavering ability to work hard. I have gained experience as part of a team through my participation in numerous moot court competitions during university. I have worked diligently with peers to progress in these competitions and I was a finalist in the 2015 Anthony Hederman Moot Court Competition organised by UCD. I will be taking part in the DCU National Moot Court in the coming weeks.

I believe that my skill set would be of value to ByrneWallace, as I possess a great degree of integrity and a willingness to learn. I am eager to gain experience in a firm, which is held in high esteem for its progressive and specialist approach to the law. I have a high level of commercial awareness due to my employment experience both at home and abroad. I have previous international experience from my participation in the J1 Visa Programme where I worked in San Francisco for 3 months in 2014. This experience enabled me to experience commercial life outside of Ireland and develop a broader approach to business affairs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for considering my application. I would be grateful to train in one of Ireland’s largest law firms. I will be available for interview in the coming weeks. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Hazel Kerrigan