Dear Ciara Loftus,

I am writing to express my interest in the Trainee Solicitor position at ByrneWallace LLP and to demonstrate why my experience, qualifications and skills make me an ideal candidate for this role.

I have over four years of experience in large corporate law firms, including the Aviation Finance team at A&L Goodbody, the Finance and Capital Markets team at Walkers Global and the Litigation department at A&L Goodbody. Currently, I’m a Contracts Manager at CALC, one of the world’s biggest aviation lessors. I have passed all 8 FE1s, attained a 2.1 in both my Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) at DCU and my master’s in international human rights law (LLM) from the University of Groningen.

I am drawn to corporate law because of my ability to provide clients with practical solutions on diverse and ever-changing commercial issues. The fast-paced nature of corporate law aligns perfectly with my quick thinking, adaptability and multitasking abilities, which were crucial while completing all 8 FE1 exams while working full-time.

I am eager to train with ByrneWallace LLP because of your firm’s commitment to delivering the highest standard of work while staying ahead of the curve. During the webinar, Fergal Brennan mentioned the firm’s values—decency, respect, courtesy, and fairness—which resonated with me and showed that our values are aligned. Additionally, recent recognitions, such as advising on three award-winning deals in the Finance Dublin Deals of the Year 2024 and another deal shortlisted for Deal of the Year in the inaugural Irish Investor Awards 2024, reflect a firm that excels in its field and fosters an environment of innovation and excellence. This aligns perfectly with my career aspirations.

I have achieved several notable accomplishments, including winning the Rotary Youth Leadership Competition, representing Ireland at the European Parliament for Euroscola and being a member of the winning Bray Lions Club debate team. I also served as the Student Union Class Representative, was the 1st Year Representative and a member of the DCU Law Society from 2014 to 2017 and volunteered with the DCU FLAC Society.

I am eager to bring my expertise, dedication and passion for corporate law to ByrneWallace LLP. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Helen Arundel