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**Re: ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme**

Dear Crona,

I am writing to apply for the ByrneWallace training programme. I graduated from UCD with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in 2009 where I specialised in accounting in my final year and subsequently completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Law in DIT. I am currently studying for my FE-1 examinations in March 2017 and am also enrolled in the AITI Chartered Tax Adviser (Part 1) Exams.

I have in excess of three years’ experience working in the legal profession in the areas of commercial law, financial services and litigation. During this time I have gained significant exposure to corporate transactional work and for the past year I have been working in Dillon Eustace where I have gained experience in the area of financial services.

In my spare time, I enjoy playing golf, rugby and swimming. I am a member of Killeen Castle Golf Club and was fortunate enough to have won the Leinster Schools Senior Cup with Belvedere College in 2005. I also enjoy travelling and have spent a year travelling in South America, Australia and New Zealand. I also regularly take part in charitable events run by the Belvedere College Past Pupils Union, and have been involved with the Belvedere College “Sleep Out”, both as a pupil and past pupil, which raises in excess of €130,000 annually for Focus Ireland, the Peter McVerry Trust and Home Again.

ByrneWallace has a reputation as being one of the top law firms in Ireland with expertise across a broad range of practice areas and I note that the firm won Law Firm of the Year this year in the Irish Law Awards. I have always been impressed with the “Publications and Insights” section of the firm’s website, particularly in the area of financial services, where I have found the articles provide a clear, concise and easy to read summary of the relevant topic.

ByrneWallace is highly regarded in the practice areas in which I have a particular interest. Since joining Dillon Eustace, I have developed a keen interest in the area of financial services and have gained experience advising clients specifically on the implications of UCITS V and the Solvency II Directives. I am aware that Joseph Gavin is one of the leaders in this particular practice area, being a member of the Irish Funds Legal and Regulatory Committee, and having gained an insight into this area I would like to further develop my knowledge and understanding of the financial services sector and feel that ByrneWallace would provide me with a fantastic opportunity in this regard.

I note that the ByrneWallace employment law team is also considered one of the leaders in its field in Ireland, having won the Employment Law Team of the year in 2015. Employment law is an area in which I also have a keen interest, in particular the area of pensions law which is becoming a prominent area of law in light of the pensions crisis in the EU at present. I feel that working with and the having the opportunity to learn from esteemed solicitors in this area, such as Michael Kennedy and Gary Byrne, would be an invaluable experience.

Having in excess of three years’ experience in the legal profession, I believe I have developed the core skills required of a solicitor which would enable me to make a positive contribution to the firm. I have an excellent attention to detail, analytical skills and communication skills which enable me to deal with clients effectively both in person and over the phone or by email. Additionally, I have developed my legal drafting skills having gained exposure to a significant amount of corporate transactional work while working in Galligan Johnston Solicitors. I also have a proven ability to work in team environments – both in small teams working directly for Partners and in large transactional work across several departments.

I believe that I possess the core values upon which Byrne Wallace prides itself. My background in business, together with my experience to date, would make me an ideal candidate for the ByrneWallace training programme. I am a motivated, dynamic, hard-working and thrive in a challenging environment. I believe that I would be ideally suited to make a valuable contribution to the firm.

Thank you for your consideration in this respect and I enclose herewith a copy of my CV for your review.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

*Sent by email and accordingly bears no signature*

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Ian Hanrahan