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**Re: ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme**

Dear Crona,

I am writing to apply for the ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for reviewing and considering my application. 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 completing my FE-1 exams and successfully passed three exams in March 2017 and am awaiting results of a further three exams which I sat earlier this month. In April 2017, I also completed Part 1 of the AITI Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA) exams with an average score of 76%.

In my spare time, I enjoy playing golf, rugby and swimming. I am a member of Killeen Castle Golf Club and Suttonians RFC in Sutton. In my final year in Belvedere College, I was a member of the Belvedere College Senior Cup Team that won the Leinster Schools Senior Cup, which was the first time the school had won the trophy in thirty-two years. I also spent a summer living in South Africa, training with the Natal Sharks Rugby Academy in Durban where I had trials for the Natal Sharks under 21 team. I enjoy travelling and in 2012 and 2013 I spent a year travelling in South America, Australia and New Zealand. I 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 €120,000 annually for Focus Ireland, the Peter McVerry Trust and Home Again. While in Durban, I took part in an initiative run by the Natal Sharks which involved coaching rugby to underprivileged children living in townships.

I have in excess of three years’ experience working in the legal profession in the areas of commercial law, financial services and tax. During this time I have gained significant exposure to corporate transactional work and for the past year I have been working in the tax departments of EisnerAmper Ireland and Philip Lee Solicitors. Prior to that, I also spent one year working in Dillon Eustace Solicitors where I gained exposure to financial services law. This also gave me the opportunity to experience working in large teams spanning across several departments in the firm. Additionally, I have also gained a substantial amount of experience working in corporate law while working in Galligan Johnston Solicitors where I also developed my legal drafting skills in drafting numerous legal documents and ancillary completion documents for transactions.

I am applying to ByrneWallace because it is recognised as one of the top law firms in Ireland. What particularly interests me is the opportunity to work in the Tax Department in the Firm. I am currently enrolled in the Part 2 AITI Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA) course and I note that the Tax Department in ByrneWallace specialises in advising clients on structured finance and investment funds. I developed a keen interest in these areas while working in Dillon Eustace and in EisnerAmper Ireland and I believe that gaining experience in these areas from a tax perspective would be an invaluable opportunity.

I believe that I have the necessary experience which would enable me to be a valuable asset to the firm from the outset. I have gained significant exposure to commercial law, tax and financial services and during this time I have gained substantial experience in transactional work, legal drafting and research and have experience drafting a wide range of legal agreements. I would be happy to provide references from Partners in each of the law firms that I have worked in who would attest to the high standard of work I delivered during my time there.

I believe that I possess the core values upon which ByrneWallace 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.

I would be extremely grateful for the opportunity to meet with you to further discuss my application. 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