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RE: Trainee Programme

Dear Sir/Madam,

By way of introduction, my name is Jack Douglas, and I am a BCL graduate of University College Cork. I am a current FE-1 candidate with three exams successfully completed. I aim to complete all eight exams by March 2021.

I have decided to pursue a career as a corporate lawyer because I am a problem solver who excels as both a team member and as an independent thinker. This strikes me as an attractive and challenging balance. I derive most fulfilment from working in a team dynamic and so it is clear to me that my future is in an environment that fosters teamwork. I have always been drawn to the prospect of mastering a specialist area and becoming as knowledgeable as I can in a particular sector. For that reason, the concept of a corporate law firm such as Byrne Wallace appeals to me more than general practice.

As someone who is interested in banking and finance, I was initially attracted to your firm by its Banking and Finance team. Having completed a Banking Law module in my final year at UCC, for which I received a 1:1, I believe I would be a great addition to the team. The team's efficient and thorough work is reflected in the firm's impressive clientele which I would strive to work with to the very best of my ability. I was also impressed to learn that the team was shortlisted for the 'Structured Finance and Securitisation Deal of the Year' in 2019, in relation to Project Glenbeigh.

As someone who is interested in sustainability, I was impressed by the firm's involvement in the energy sector. I was impressed to read that the firm advised Close Leasing Limited relating to facilities provided to a 50 per cent shareholder in a 20.5MW wind farm in County Cavan. Due to my keen interest in sustainability, I introduced DocuSign to all seven Pfizer Ireland entities. This project reduced costs, saved time, and more importantly, reduced Pfizer's carbon footprint. My interest in the sector would motivate me to achieve the best possible results for clients in the energy sector.

I am also impressed by the firm's CSR commitment. As someone who has already experienced the satisfaction derived from charitable work, I was pleased to learn that Byrne Wallace engage in charitable giving and volunteerism.

I am hard-working, organised, personable, and eager to learn. My ability to prioritise responsibilities, identify issues and operate efficiently in fast paced environments has been honed through my diverse work experience. I believe my potential to succeed at Byrne Wallace is reflected in my previous legal experience, strong academic background, and enthusiasm to learn.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Douglas.