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Ref: ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme 2021

Dear Emily,

I am excited to apply for the ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme as in March 2020 I experienced first-hand the exceptional work culture in ByrneWallace when I interviewed for the 2020 Internship Programme. Unfortunately, I did not get chosen to progress into the Internship Programme. However, this experience provided a glimpse into the work environment ByrneWallace and while speaking with staff and representatives of the firm during the interview process, I am more determined than ever to join the team. I believe the Trainee Programme will be an excellent opportunity to further showcase my capabilities to the firm and to develop my current skillset and legal knowledge in a practical manner.

I am a recent Bachelor of Civil Law and French graduate from Maynooth University where I ranked third in my year with a high 2.1 grade. I excelled academically and I obtained first-class honours in Commercial Law, Company Law, Property Law and EU Law. Due to my high grades, I was awarded the Taught Masters Scholarship to complete an LLM International Business Law at Maynooth University. I am currently pursuing this LLM alongside the FE1 examinations as I believe I have the drive, self-organisation and focus to excel in both avenues. Academically, my strengths have fallen under the realm of commercial law which focused my attention to ByrneWallace as a leading commercial law firm. Additionally, as ByrneWallace has a varied wealth of sectors and clients, my language skills, unique knowledge in Islamic Finance Law from my LLM and my experience working abroad in France will be a diverse asset.

My transferable skills align with ByrneWallace's collaborative work culture and I believe my skills would enable me to provide real value to the Traineeship Programme. I am an excellent team player due to my experiences as a senior staff member, position on the academic representative committee, and group projects throughout university. I am a confident communicator with strong presentation skills which has been cultivated through my leadership position as President of the French Society and through mooting events such as the Philpot Curran Moot Court Competition. I have excellent self-organisation skills and I thrive in fast-paced environments because of my experience working in an extremely busy hotel while maintaining excellent grades and actively participating in extracurricular activities. I am enthusiastic, curious, and reliable and I believe I would engage efficiently and effectively with ByrneWallace's clients and employees. I showcase leadership qualities, exceptional work ethic and consistent attention to detail which has been developed through past employment, group assessments in university and working in Maynooth University societies and academic committees.

My interest in ByrneWallace was initially sparked by my previous application to the firm but it was enhanced by the unique opportunities the Trainee Programme offers. The Learning and Development Programme for trainees is a fantastic idea because it enables building upon current skills through seminars from experts. ByrneWallace focuses on developing strong soft skills like communication and leadership, which empowers trainees to become not just great solicitors but well-rounded

individuals. I am excited to potentially begin my professional legal career at ByrneWallace, as my personal experience has clearly shown that the firm has a supportive team which I strongly believe I would complement and contribute to.

Yours Faithfully,

Jade Van Standen.