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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to apply for the trainee solicitor position listed on the ByrneWallace website.

As a Business and Law graduate and having completed my FE-1 examinations, a traineeship with ByrneWallace interests me immensely. Most certainly, the three aspects of any firm that I consider to be of great importance are the culture, the career development opportunities, and, finally, the reputation. From my research of the firm, ByrneWallace hits all the right notes in this regard. Furthermore, many of the firm’s practice areas are of interest to me, having taken equivalent modules at undergraduate level, such as employment law and intellectual property law. As well as this, the ability to sample the firm’s various practice areas as a trainee would prove extremely beneficial and is yet another factor which draws me to ByrneWallace.

Although my desire to practice law copper-fastened as a result of completing the FE-1 examinations over two sittings in the past 12 months, this desire is far from newfound. Throughout university, I continually searched for ways in which I could prepare for such a career, from writing articles for the UCD Student Legal Service’s annual publications and by participating in a negotiation competition. Moreover, through leading campus tours for visitors as a UCD Student Ambassador, my communication and organisational skills were enhanced significantly. Indeed, studying both business and law in college offered the perfect blend and has positioned me well for a career in the legal world.

Furthermore, my legal work experience to date has proved both enjoyable and rewarding. These roles have endowed me with a considerable degree of responsibility through the likes of attending client meetings and composing correspondence. I firmly believe that these experiences have equipped me with the necessary skills for embarking on a career as a trainee solicitor.

Becoming a solicitor is an ambition that I have long harboured, and since completing my final set of FE-1 examinations in March, this aspiration appears more tangible than ever before. Not only does ByrneWallace specialise in areas of interest, but a traineeship with the firm represents the perfect medium for me to develop the competencies necessary to become a fully qualified and successful solicitor.

Thank you for considering my application. I can be contacted through the phone number and email address provided.

Yours sincerely,

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