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Dunshaughlin,
Co.Meath

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Byrne Wallace,
88 Harcourt Street,
Dublin 2

Dear Ms. Murray,

I am a recent Trinity College Law and Business Graduate and current FE1 candidate and I am writing to apply for the 2021 Traineeship position advertised by your firm. I believe my dual degree, experience interning with a commercial Irish law firm (Ronan Daly Jermyn) and my equestrian successes mean that I have the skills, passion and diligence needed to succeed in a prestigious firm like Byrne Wallace.

I am a highly motivated and driven individual and am seeking a traineeship in a corporate firm with a strong commercial focus and responsibility-based training opportunities, both of which I believe I can avail of and benefit from at Byrne Wallace. Furthermore, with a complicated 'Brexit' looming, the establishment of Ireland as a financial centre appears to be a real possibility. I would like to be in a firm capitalising upon this opportunity. Given that Byrne Wallace is a forward thinking firm which takes a proactive approach in responding to the needs of its clients dynamically and in consideration of their ever changing legal and business interests, I believe they will spearhead the best approach possible for their clients whatever the outcome of Brexit. Additionally, the firm operates in several fields that are of personal interest, particularly in relation to the emerging climate change and environmental law regulatory sector and also the asset portfolio management department, having been extensively exposed to the latter during my college years.

My previous employment as a Sales and Marketing Strategist as well as my position as Treasurer of a growing University Club have given me a business focused and analytical mindset. I am a logical thinker with the ability to meet challenges and sales targets in an efficient manner and within those roles I was continuously required to explore further opportunities for growth and profitability. Through the use of my negotiation skills I increased University funding by 15% for the club's budget for the coming year. These positions have also ensured that I have developed excellent interpersonal and communication skills which are crucial to the work of a trainee solicitor and which have been recently strengthened by my current role as a horse riding instructor. Moreover, due to the emphasis placed on group work by the Trinity Business School, I engage well in group and one on one scenarios and I don't shy away from leadership opportunities and responsibilities.

My background in competitive equestrianism has instilled in me a strong sense of commitment and ambition, qualities which I believe can be of immense value to Byrne Wallace. It is a sport which can spring many setbacks as well as triumphs and this has ensured that I have developed a resilient and pragmatic approach to whatever task I undertake. Balancing competing internationally, part time work, academics and a social life

throughout my school and college years has required detailed planning and my organisation skills are something that would be of key use to Byrne Wallace, especially in periods of time restraints and high pressure.

Due to the attributes outlined above I believe I can be a strong asset to the firm's trainee programme and any department within the firm. Thank you for considering my application and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Gibney