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**RE: Trainee Solicitor Programme 2025**

Dear Graduate Recruitment Team,

By way of background, I am a first-class honours Law and Social Justice graduate from UCD and have completed all FE-1 examinations. I am currently employed as a legal executive in a busy, mid-size, general practice law firm in Dublin.

Following my graduation, I completed internships with the Chicago Federal Defender Program in America and the Medical Negligence and Personal Injuries Unit of the Legal Aid Board in Dublin before entering employment as an asylum law caseworker. These positions gave me unparalleled experience in the provision of legal services and allowed me to build a solid foundation for a successful legal career. I am currently employed as a legal executive at McGrath Mullan LLP, where I focus on immigration, employment and landlord-tenant law. My experience will stand to me as I know what is expected of me in a legal role; I can perform well under pressure, adhere to strict deadlines, manage a heavy workload and maintain relationships of trust and confidence with clients.

I wish to train at Byrne Wallace LLP due to the firm's prestigious reputation as one of the most dynamic players in Irish legal services. The firm's diversity of practice and focus on cross-departmental collaboration is extremely appealing to me as it offers the opportunity to gain a well-rounded legal education, learn from experts in each field and explore several areas of interest to find my niche. I would love to discover my career path at this firm as I believe I won't find better training, opportunities, culture or colleagues elsewhere.

I really resonated with the message from Feargal Brennan, Managing Partner of Byrne Wallace LLP, when he spoke about the importance placed by the firm on honesty and integrity. He emphasised that it is what people say about you when you leave the room that speaks to your reputation. I am motivated by my desire to help others, which is one of the main reasons I chose to pursue a career in law. My personal commitment to equality, respect, integrity and inclusivity is clear from my choice to study social justice in conjunction with law at undergraduate level, my volunteer-work with asylum-seekers and my involvement in community development projects in Ireland and abroad. I am determined to become a highly qualified solicitor but above all, I wish to be a person who my

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colleagues, clients and counterparts feel respected by. I believe that this will be made possible by training at Byrne Wallace LLP.

I am extremely drawn to Byrne Wallace LLP's progressive, forward-thinking vision as I would like to train at a firm where diversity of experience and unique insights are welcomed and valued. I believe that my undergraduate degree and public interest legal work experience have equipped me with the ability to offer a unique approach to law which is required in this age of progression, where sustainable business, ethical practices and environmental, social and governance issues are paramount. I am eager to leverage my background to contribute to innovative legal solutions. It is also important to me that I train at a firm whose values align with my own, so Byrne Wallace's focus on Corporate Social Responsibility and unwavering commitment to Diversity and Inclusivity stands out. If I joined Byrne Wallace as a trainee, I would like to get involved with fundraising projects, charitable sporting events and volunteering.

I am attracted to Byrne Wallace LLP as I am interested in exploring a career as a disputes and regulatory lawyer at the firm. I believe this area of law will best utilise my interpersonal and communication skills, my understanding of people and their needs and my love for problem-solving and advocacy. I am intrigued by the dynamic and evolving nature of the work, the intellectual challenge and complexity involved and the opportunity to engage with ethical considerations in an impactful way. I am extremely passionate about environmental and ESG law, so would love to get involved with planning judicial reviews and advising businesses on compliance with existing and emergent ESG regulation.

It stands as a testament to the firm's diversity of practice areas that I am also interested in Byrne Wallace LLP due to my interest in child care, health and social care law. In my final years of my degree, I chose to study several child care and family law modules and gained insight into medical negligence law during my internship at the Legal Aid Board. I would relish the opportunity to learn from the largest team of child care lawyers in the country and the award-winning healthcare team, who are not only experts in the law but also experienced litigants. I cannot stress enough how incredible it would be to me to work with the likes of TUSLA and the HSE in these challenging and complex, yet simultaneously rewarding, areas of law.

I would be grateful to be considered for your Trainee Solicitor Programme so that I can learn more about your firm and share more about my experience and passion for law in the future.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application.

Kind regards,

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