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Ciara Loftus,

HR Manager,

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Dear Ms. Loftus,

My name is Katie McCarthy, and I am a third year Law and French student in UCC. I am writing to express my interest in the role of Trainee Solicitor in ByrneWallace. I believe I am well suited to the firm for several reasons which I have outlined below.

Firstly, I believe that I possess the right skills and character to be a good fit for the firm. I am a high achiever academically and enjoy challenging work; I am top of my class with a First-Class Honours and I was awarded 3rd prize for French for the NUI Dr H H Stewart Literary Scholarship and Prizes 2019. In addition, I have strong leadership skills and am forward-thinking, visible in my election as Academic Class Representative for my year group and Languages Editor and Case Notes Editor of the Cork Online Law Review. I have been developing my teamwork skills as part of the Irish Legal Information Initiative; my role as a Mentor Researcher and as part of the Marketing Group have developed my ability to lead and be innovative. My experience as a Sales Assistant enabled me to develop strong interpersonal and communication skills, improving customer relations, which would undoubtedly be vital when advising clients. Last summer, I completed an internship with Matheson which consolidated that training and working in this industry is for me.

I would like to work in a firm which has core values that reflect my own. It is clear from my research that the culture and ethos of the firm are ones in which I would thrive. The atmosphere of genuine approachability and collegiality really appeals to me. The fact that ByrneWallace is the only top ten law firm in Ireland with Lexcel accreditation really appeals to me. ByrneWallace is also one of Ireland’s largest law firms and I do believe that if you want to be the best, you must learn from the best, so I think ByrneWallace would be the perfect fit for me.

In summary, I am ambitious and have confidence in my own ability to contribute significantly to the success of ByrneWallace, and I look forward to taking my application a step further at interview.

Yours Sincerely,

Katie McCarthy.