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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Traineeship Application

I would like to apply for a traineeship with Byrne Wallace. I believe that my strong academic ability, previous experience, and passion for law align me with pursuing a traineeship with Byrne Wallace.

I believe I have attributes that are well suited to working in commercial law. Having studied both law and maths, and achieved a first class honours, I possess strong analysis and critical thinking skills and enjoy problem-solving. I enjoy working on the intricacies of large deals whilst keeping in mind the broader picture. I pursued my LLM to further my interest in history and to gain a different perspective on Ireland's place in the world. My LLM has provided me with a strong understanding of political and international affairs and has served as a very firm foundation for subsequent cross-jurisdictional work I have undertaken.

My experience with the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Project has provided me with a strong commercial acumen and a broad and in-depth knowledge of commercial law and the legal market across Europe and North America. I researched cutting edge legal work across various sectors of law including corporate, finance, dispute resolution, competition, technology, client services and corporate social responsibility for publication in the Financial Times. I have built upon this experience with my current role which provides me with direct experience of working within Irish law and of inward investment into Ireland.

I enjoy the challenge of working in a fast paced environment and the close alignment that commercial lawyers have with businesses. I think working within commercial law provides the opportunity to work on the cutting edge of the commercial world and corporate strategy. The experience I gained working with the Financial Times Innovative General Counsel Club has provided me with an in-house perspective on the provision of legal services and the client relationship and this is something that I think will firmly stand to me in my development as a trainee. Further, having previously worked on multidisciplinary projects, I find that commercial law provides the interesting opportunity to work with a variety of industries.

I would like to train as a solicitor because I enjoy working closely with clients and working on the progression of a deal from start to finish. I think, more so than other fields of law, solicitors working in the commercial field have the opportunity to play both a pro-active and a reactive role for their clients, and this is something that strongly appeals to me about commercial law.

I have a demonstrable commitment to pursuing a career in law and feel that I have pursued experience that will stand to me in training as a commercial solicitor. I would particularly like to train with Byrne Wallace because of the progressive reputation of the firm, particularly in growth areas such as technology.

I appreciate your time in considering my application and would very much appreciate an opportunity to interview for a traineeship with Byrne Wallace.

Yours faithfully

Katie O'Riordan