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Please accept this letter and enclosure as an application for the training solicitor programme at ByrneWallace. I am a student enrolled in Queens University Belfast, currently studying in my final year in the Faculty of Law. During the first semester of this year, I will be studying abroad in China, attending Shantou Technical University.

ByrneWallace stands out because of the caliber of its Restructuring and Insolvency and Capital Markets practices, and because it unites excellence in the legal profession with a collegial atmosphere. In this letter, I demonstrate why I have the time management, professional versatility, and assiduousness your firm expects from its lawyers.

Throughout my legal studies I have kept up with a full course load while excelling in a part-time job and extra-curricular activities. Outside of class I work 15 hours per week as Tourist Administrator and Waitress and 15 hours per week and approximately 10 hours per week training with my local community Gaelic Football team. I hope you will find that balancing and excelling in these different work areas demonstrates the high energy, time management, and well- roundedness needed to succeed at your firm.

As Tourist Administrator in ‘An Creagan’, I bring to work a focus on team success, initiative, and level-headedness in high-stress situations; traits I hope to reinforce and build on within ByrneWallace. By bringing these traits to bear along with my experience in information collection and management in ‘An Creggan’, I would join your firm as a team member who is disciplined, learns and applies standard operating procedures quickly, requires minimal supervision and who is above all reliable.

I am aware that ByrneWallace encourages their trainees to tailor their experience, so they can see if there are any other areas of practice, such as employment or corporate that pique a new form interest. Having shadowed Jennifer Frankola, an associate in the litigation department of Lewis Johs Avallone Aviles LLP in New York City during the summer, I understand the importance of a positive, cohesive work environment, both conditions I feel are incorporated at your firm. The prospect of this is a major reason why ByrneWallace is my top choice for employment.

As previously mentioned, being selected as an applicant to study law abroad in Shantou University has been an incredible achievement and a huge opportunity for myself. Having taken this initiative is not only an indication of my academic achievements, but additionally highlights my personal ambition and determination. Instead of merely understanding law studies within the context of a single country, I can acquire a “bigger picture,” of a boundary-free viewpoint, which I can prepare to take on a variety of global challenges. Acquiring this skillset will initially impact myself as a future lawyer, as well as a global citizen with the ability to think more creatively. This is a trait that is

increasingly sought-after by today's employers, including those from law firms like ByrneWallace. Additionally, my growing passion for commercial law has continued to develop by taking part in a Financial and Legal services programme, organised by Citibank. Weekly, I was presented with a case study all which were based on different scenarios, then advised to discuss and provide a broad range of financial products and services. Through doing this, I was encouraged to become more understanding of business environments.

Furthermore, I was a member of the QUB society known as 'ADR', (Alternative Dispute Resolution). Within this society, I attended workshops, which impart both the fundamentals and complexities of negotiation tactics, mediation scenarios and arbitration proceedings. ADR is becoming the sharpest tool in the legal sector's toolkit which is very important attribute especially in the world of business. I am confident that these traits will give me the chance to thrive in the innovative culture present at ByrneWallace.

More generally, I want to work at BryneWallace because of its pairing of service excellence with a welcoming and collegial work environment. I understand that the programme is set to be a challenge made rewarding by the remarkable caliber of the work opportunities from leading clients, and the positive atmosphere in which the constant support, training and mentorship take place. I want to join BryneWallace to contribute in particular to the firm's outstanding Capital Markets and Restructuring practices, and believe that as mentioned above, the drive, versatility and meticulousness from my experience in my extra-curricular activities and in law school make me fit.

I hope that you recognise me as a strong candidate for your firm and suitable for the position offered. I look forward to hearing from you and to hopefully meet you through selection process.

Sincerely yours,

Kellie Diggin