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Dear Ciara Loftus,

It is with great enthusiasm that I apply for a traineeship at ByrneWallace. I graduated from Trinity College Dublin with a PhD in History of Art (2019), and now pursue my long-held ambition of qualifying as a solicitor. I will bring an eagerness to learn, the drive to succeed, and a diverse skillset to the traineeship at ByrneWallace.

As a highly motivated individual, I am excited to engage my competencies as a trainee solicitor. I admire ByrneWallace's innovative and efficient approach to business, and commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility. I am attracted by the firm's wide range of expertise, and would relish the opportunity to train closely with cutting-edge professionals; I have a particular interest in Real Estate, Intellectual Property, and Environment and Planning.

I am committed to a career in law, and currently sitting four FE-1 examinations this week (Property Law, Company Law, Criminal Law, and Contract Law), with a view to completing the final four exams in Spring 2023. A career in law appeals to me because of the opportunity to work on projects that directly influence society, finding creative and effective solutions for clients. My non-law background means I will contribute a unique perspective to legal problem-solving to complement ByrneWallace's forward-thinking practice.

I gained valuable legal experience this summer during a 5-week internship at Keans Solicitors, where I undertook the tasks of a legal executive, including drafting motion booklets, notices, and direct dealings with clients. Working alongside the firm's solicitors, this experience provided me with insight into the complexity of personal injury litigation and conveyancing, as well as skills of legal drafting, which I hope to further refine as a trainee at ByrneWallace. Further to this, I am enrolled in the FE-1 preparation courses at LawSchool.ie, and have received very positive feedback for assignments completed as part of these studies.

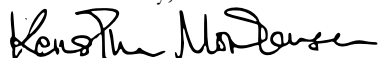
I thrive on intellectual stimulation and professional challenge, and possess a record of high performance across academic, extra-curricular, and professional spheres. Having acquired a broad transferable skillset, I look forward to applying these skills in the legal profession as a trainee solicitor. Such skills include analytical and critical thinking, in which I evaluated vast quantities of information during my PhD and processed complex theoretical texts for data relevant to my research. With a critical eye for coherence and validity, I can anticipate consequences and make sound judgements, finding practical solutions with reason and logic. During my PhD and as a lecturer I gained much experience of project management and delivery to strict deadlines; this ability to deliver with timeliness and efficiency is vital given the time-sensitive nature of legal work.

I also excel in written and oral communication. My extensive research experience with technical and specialised language, including peer-reviewed publications, will enable me to draft accurate and nuanced documentation, and I can communicate complex ideas with clarity to a range of audiences, as relevant to a project's needs. I also have extensive linguistic proficiencies and cultural understanding, including fluency in Danish and German, advanced French, and familiarity with Swedish and Norwegian.

As an enthusiastic team-worker with a positive outlook, I have honed my interpersonal skills in various professional settings, from lecturing to guiding tours, which require collaboration, responsibility, and resilience. I enjoy working with people to build lasting networks, as evidenced from my establishment of the DU Scandinavian Society (I am Irish-Danish) and involvement in the Graduate Students' Union Events Committee and Trinity Journal for Literary Translation. As a trainee, I am eager to continue my extra-curricular interests through involvement in CSR activities and the Sports & Social Committee at ByrneWallace.

You will also find my CV attached to my application, I would be delighted to discuss this further with you. I hope you consider my application with favour, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Kerstina Mortensen