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Dear Sirs,

My name is Kristina Radits and I wish to apply for the ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme. I am a legal executive who has recently graduated with a 2:1 Law (BCL) degree from University College Dublin and has over 2 years’ experience in managing a busy restaurant with over 40 employees. I have sat my first set of FE-1 examinations in October 2018 and am currently awaiting their results. In addition to the above, I am also a dancer and a dance teacher.

I am from Estonia, a country where a career in law is very limited due to the size of the country and its respective market and, therefore, many professionals do not have an opportunity to achieve full potential. That is not something I was ready to accept for myself and I had the drive to succeed and achieve distinctions in every exam I had to undertake in Estonia to have sufficient credits to study law in Ireland. This determination has persisted throughout the years, even having faced the difficulties of studying law in a foreign language and having to take a year of absence from UCD due to unforeseen family circumstances. The above displays that I take initiative and work hard to achieve my goals and don’t shy away from a challenge.

Furthermore, I have numerous interests and hobbies that have enhanced my skills and given me a unique perspective on many different aspects of life and I have often used these experiences in both my professional and academic life in practice. As a dancer, I am taught to always think creatively and I believe using such an approach in collaboration with a business approach could bring productive results. My experience as a manager of a busy restaurant has taught me valuable skills of organisation, teamwork and leadership. In addition, teaching dance classes requires delivery of information in a format that would be understood by the students, which is key when corresponding with clients. My solo trip for a month in Thailand has highlighted the importance diversity and understanding one’s culture. In that respect, my knowledge of multiple languages has indeed helped in establishing relationships not only with other travelers and locals during my trip, but also clients back in Ireland.

My application to ByrneWallace is motivated by the firm’s success in Ireland and its approach to the quality and standard of work they produce, which was evidenced to me by my correspondence with the firm in my capacity as a legal executive. Having studied and achieved an A in Intellectual Property in UCD, my interest in the area has grown and I wish to expand my practical knowledge in the area in the near future, alongside Technology and Employment Law. I believe that ByrneWallace has the relevant knowledge and experience in these areas and I would be grateful for an opportunity to be a part of it. I also had the opportunity to speak to the firm’s representatives at the UCD Law Fairs and I was completely assured of the fact that ByrneWallace is a firm where I can reach my full potential through challenging work and the variety of practice areas. In return, I believe that my experiences have enhanced my attributes and skills above and, if given the opportunity, I know they would be of benefit to ByrneWallace.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I would be happy to discuss the above in further detail with you and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

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