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**Re: Traineeship Application**  20th October 2015

To whom it may concern,

I have just completed a four year degree in Law with History in UCD and I write to express my interest in obtaining a place on your summer traineeship programme for 2016. I believe that the nature of my degree, my personal experience, and my enthusiasm and interest in corporate law make me an excellent candidate for this position.

When I first began studying law, I did not realise how much I would come to like it. I found that the more I studied, the more intrigued I became, and it was soon clear to me that I wished to pursue a career as a solicitor. This was furthered by talking with qualified solicitors and through my work experience. I loved hearing about the work that they did and the values they strived for, as well as finding that their work environment was one that I know I would thrive in. I also spent a week in London visiting several prominent London commercial firms. While they appealed to me, I wanted to join a firm which practiced a larger variety of law. When I completed my internship in June, I began to research this career path further, and decided that qualifying as a solicitor is absolutely what I want to pursue.

I first encountered ByrneWallace at the UCD Law Careers Fair and learned a lot about your programme by chatting with some of your staff. I was certain, at that point, that ByrneWallace would be the best place for me to develop, and also that I would be an asset to your firm. I liked the company’s main aims; that of working exceptionally for your clients and finding solutions, not problems. These resonated with me as this is how I strive to achieve all that I do and an approach I take with any task I am set. The prestige of ByrneWallace in the legal sphere on both an Irish and international stage also caught my interest, and of course the various areas in which you practice really appeal to me. I like that the firm is not strictly corporate like many others, and that I would have the opportunity to work on different issues, such as child care law which I really enjoyed studying.

I have consistently demonstrated strong communication and interpersonal skills in my previous employments. I have a strong work ethic, am organised in my work and I strive to deal with all matters and all people in a respectful and timely manner. I understand the importance of knowing when to ask for help so, while I am happy to work on my own initiative, the internship in your firm, I feel, would give me the support that I would need. I also believe that my study of history as well as law gives me an edge over other candidates. Through this, I have honed my research skills; I know that research and the ability to utilise the resources at hand to gain more knowledge on a matter is of paramount importance in working on a case.

Please find attached a copy of my CV and my completed online application form. I would be happy to address any questions, and I am available for interview at any time.

Yours faithfully,

Laura Byrne