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Dear Trainee Recruitment,

I am writing to apply for a Training Contract at ByrneWallace LLP and enclose my Curriculum Vitae for your consideration.

I am particularly interested in ByrneWallace LLP as a firm as I wish to train in a full-service law firm, and I am impressed by the firm’s reputation for being a forward-thinking modern firm employing talented lawyers.

I am a hard-working ambitious individual and I believe that ByrneWallace LLP is the ideal firm at which I could progress towards a successful career in law.

I recently completed a Summer Intern Programme with Arthur Cox Belfast. This experience has increased my desire to pursue a career as a commercial solicitor. I collaborated with trainees, associates and partners rotating through the four main departments specifically Corporate, Litigation, Property and Finance. I gained insight into the everyday workings of a commercial solicitor and was required to complete tasks with attention to detail and within specific time frames. I conducted legal research for partners. I really enjoyed working with the other employees and found it gratifying to be accepted quickly into the workplace. I would relish the opportunity to demonstrate my drive, commitment, and enthusiasm for commercial law at ByrneWallace LLP

I was delighted to win the individual award for negotiation, as a legal intern at A&L Goodbody, Belfast in July 2021. I enjoyed the experience of participating in various tasks, applying by way of example the company’s diversity and inclusion principles. I worked on case studies, and engaged in role-playing scenarios, acting as a solicitor. I would cherish the opportunity to demonstrate my capability to ByrneWallace LLP.

In February 2022, I was selected to travel to Brussels with the East West European Institute where I role-played the ‘Minister for Poland’ in a simulation of the European Council. I was required to collaborate with the notional Ministers from other Member States to reach a conclusion regarding the amendment of the CAI with China. Going above and beyond my university syllabus to acquire new knowledge and skills is what I strive to do.

I have just completed my French Law on Erasmus in the University of Toulouse and the challenges of navigating the transfer, with Covid restrictions, living alone, and adapting to the French system have sharpened my independence, resilience, and self-motivation. In my exams in Toulouse, I scored 80% in ‘Droit Civil’, 77.5% in ‘Langue et Culture Française’ and 85% in ‘Actualité à Travers les Médias’. My academic excellence demonstrates my diligence and determination, but most importantly, my ability to thrive in a challenging environment. Thus, I feel better prepared to overcome any challenges I may encounter during the Traineeship.

I spent summer 2022 in the Hamptons, New York working as a pool attendant and server. During my stay I was able to procure work experience in New York City with the managing director of Wells Fargo, Corporate Investment Bank. In previous summers, I travelled to Lourdes as a volunteer, looking after disabled and elderly pilgrims. In 2019 I was selected to be a hospital team leader where I developed my skills in collaboration and leadership, which are of utmost importance as a trainee solicitor.

Ultimately, I would be indebted to receive a Traineeship at ByrneWallace LLP as I believe it would be an incredible step forward in my career.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss my experience to date further and to demonstrate my commitment and enthusiasm for a career in law.

Yours sincerely,

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