**Lauren Clarke**

The Rectory, Boyne Road,

Navan, Co. Meath.

Ms. Sinead Fox,

HR Administrator, Byrne Wallace,

88 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2

*Re:* Trainee Solicitor Position                                                                    21st October 2015

Dear Ms. Fox,

I would like to apply for a Trainee Solicitor Position at Byrne Wallace. I graduated with a 2:1 degree in Bachelor of Civil Law (International) and French, in September 2015. As part of my degree, I studied Business and I spent a year in a University in Lyon, on the Erasmus Programme, where I studied a range of modules from the LL.M. in International Business Law.

I completed four FE1 examinations in October and I am awaiting my results.

Through the various internships that I have undertaken, I obtained hands-on experience in law firms such as Philip Lee, A&L Goodbody, Eversheds, A.G. Graham & Co. and Pinsent Masons. Therefore, I am well equipped to obtain a trainee solicitor position.

One of the main reasons I would like to train at Byrne Wallace is due to the firm’s Intellectual Property Law team. I recently completed the Law Society’s online course on Technology Law “Understanding the Law in a Digital Age”. In Lyon, I studied International Intellectual Property Law as part of the LL. M in International Business Law. I had the opportunity to put some of these skills into practice during my internship at Philip Lee, where I worked in the Litigation Department and assisted in some of the Intellectual Property disputes. Byrne Wallace can offer the type of work which interests me. I am particularly interested in the nature of the clients that the firm advises which includes many US companies that are establishing a base within Ireland. I am interested in the firm’s work on advising these clients as regards the ongoing legal compliance in key areas. In addition, I am fascinated that the firm is acting for some of Ireland’s domestic start-up companies and established companies such as TV3. I would be extremely interested in having the opportunity to work with such companies and I feel that I have the skills to be of benefit to the team. Byrne Wallace would also provide the best training to allow me to reach my potential as a solicitor.

Please find attached my completed Application Form and Curriculum Vitae. I can be contacted at 086 2378004 or by email laurencrclarke@hotmail.com. I would be delighted to obtain an interview and to have the opportunity to discuss this further. Thank you for considering my application.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Lauren Clarke