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## **Re: Traineeship Programme Application**

Dear Ms Murray,

I am delighted to enclose my CV for your consideration for the Byrne Wallace traineeship programme. I graduated with an upper second-class honours degree in Law and Business from Trinity College Dublin in 2016 and I have been working in legal services ever since.

I started my legal career in Beauchamps where I was fortunate enough to be seconded to Enterprise Ireland. This role provided me with a valuable insight into the needs of the client and experience within the public sector. Currently, I am working in the Dublin office of a private banking and asset management group. As demonstrated on my CV, I have carried out varied and challenging legal work during my time with the company and this experience has grounded a desire in me to further my legal career.

I would like to carry out my traineeship at Byrne Wallace due to the firm's excellent reputation and broad range of practice areas. I would be particularly interested in completing a rotation in the firm's 'Financial Services' department. Having worked in the funds industry, I have exposure to financial services regulation (AIFMD, MIFID, 4/5AMLD etc.,) and have been involved with the authorisation of funds with the Central Bank of Ireland. I also have a keen interest in the regulatory landscapes in which companies operate, as demonstrated by my pursuit of the 'Licentiate of Compliance Officers Ireland' designation. I was impressed by the publications from this department and have relied on them previously to bolster my knowledge of upstream regulatory change in the industry. I have also experience in banking and corporate governance and would be eager to get fully involved in any seat rotation that was on offer to me.

The themes of approachability and professional development echoed in the testimonials of the current trainees assure me that Byrne Wallace is a firm at which I would receive excellent training. The diverse client base that Byrne Wallace serves is a testament to huge breadth of experience and commitment afforded to clients of the firm. I was intrigued that the firm has acted for 'Zalando', the online fashion retailer, as this is a company which I use personally and is demonstrative of the broad range of clients that I would be exposed to as a trainee.

I would be grateful to be afforded the opportunity to discuss my application in more detail.

Yours sincerely,

## Lauren McLoughlin