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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Lisa Quigley and I have recently graduated with a Business and Law degree from University College Dublin. I am particularly interested in a training contract with Byrne Wallace given its reputation for excellence and broad range of practice areas. The fact that the firm is committed to embracing technology really stood out to me as I think it’s essential that the legal industry be brought into the future through technology, and this has been emphasised by the recent Covid19 restrictions prohibiting physical events.

I want a career in law because it is intellectually challenging, financially rewarding and personally fulfilling. Law is of fundamental importance to the shaping of society and fascinates me for this reason. Legal professionals are pivotal societal players, who add value to peoples’ lives through the provision of high-quality legal services, which is something I want to be a part of. Through studying law, I have improved my ability to think critically, put my thoughts together coherently and argue my position in a powerful way. Encapsulating many disciplines, the legal profession represents an exciting, dynamic and consistently challenging career.

Having gained invaluable practical experience in two law firms, one small, namely Barry O’Donnell Solicitors and one large, namely Matheson, I’m confident that a larger firm such as Byrne Wallace is better suited to my capabilities, personality and future ambitions. I worked on a number of high-profile cases during my time in Matheson and would thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to potentially have a similar experience with Byrne Wallace, particularly in the areas of company law, restructuring & insolvency and commercial contracts, all areas which I am highly interested in and studied at undergraduate level.

Working in Byrne Wallace would allow me to use both elements of my degree and the fast-paced, competitive and challenging environment would push me towards my maximum potential and allow me to adapt skills I have gained in developing customer relationships to developing long-lasting relationships with clients.

I have a number of technical skills including an ECDL award, experience with SAP by design and E-discovery software. Additionally, I have strong communication skills, both written and oral and work effectively as part of a team in a number of areas in my life, such as my part-time job and rock-climbing with UCD Mountaineering Club. I am diligent, efficient and always meet deadlines. In my current part-time job in Dune London, I strive to surpass daily sales targets by providing premium service to all customers and invariably meet my other KPI’s, such as shoe care, upselling and link-sales.

I am hardworking, reflected in the fact that during my third year of college I worked two jobs simultaneously as I was invited to return to my role in Matheson on a part-time basis. My legal experience ranges from filing documents and affidavits to court, drafting correspondence, attending client meetings and attending court to assisting Matheson’s litigation team with document discovery and review. I will be sitting my first four Fe1 exams, Company, Criminal, Contract and EU in November and intend to sit the remainder in the Spring sitting.

Thank you for considering me for this position.

Yours Faithfully,

Lisa Quigley.