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Dear Sir/Madame,

I have known about ByrneWallace for years due to its reputation as a premier law firm. In selecting which firms to apply to, striving for excellence in my training and early career development was the overriding criteria which I have applied. I noticed that the won the Ireland Client Service Award 2017 at the Chambers Europe Awards, and this capacity for excellence really drew me to ByrneWallace. To work alongside, be trained and mentored by lawyers who are expert leaders in their fields would be the best possible start to my career. The possibility of developing personally and professionally, in this collaborative and supportive environment is hard to surpass.

I have a strong interest in EU and competition law, having taken classes such as Competition Policy, International Business Transactions, EU Law, and International Trade. WilliamByrne’s vast experience in this regard was a decisive factor in my application to the firm. The EU, Competition & Regulated Markets Group is particularly interesting to me. The work of WilliamByrne’s Banking and Finance Department is equally appealing to me given my experience in Bank of Ireland Group Legal Services. I am familiar with ISDA documentation having drafted ISDA Amendment Agreements with US counterparties. I also evaluated the Terms and Conditions for transacting with Global Markets, to ensure that the Bank was compliant with MiFID II and PSD 2. I am keen to build on these skills and believe WilliamByrne’s Banking Department is the best place to do this. Having thoroughly enjoyed my in-house legal experience in Bank of Ireland, I would relish a chance to do a secondment with a domestic client. It would a great opportunity to become an all-round better lawyer and enhance my business acumen.

The firm’s office environment was a major factor in my application. My friend completed an internship with WilliamByrne and spoke highly of the down-to-earth, collegiate atmosphere. The sense of being on the same team, working together and feeling free to ask the questions is very important to me. At the same time, from watching online testimonials, I know the environment is fast-paced, and I would love to be part of it.

Ultimately, I want to become a business lawyer and I believe WilliamByrne’s trainee programme is the best place for me to achieve this goal. Thank you for taking the time to review my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Lorna Reid