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**Byrne Wallace,**

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**Dublin** **21st of October 2020**

**Re: Trainee application**

Human resources team,

Please accept my application for the Trainee position with your firm, as posted on the company LinkedIn page. With a diverse range of legal experience, from corporate to public, I believe I am an ideal candidate for this role and would prove an asset to your firm. I have outlined below my relevant experience and why I feel Byrne Wallace is the right choice for me. Having worked with various members of the Byrne Wallace team, I found each of them to be radiant with positivity and passion and this encouraged me to apply.

**Corporate/Commercial**

The bulk of my legal experience was spent in a client facing litigation role with the employment and pension group in Matheson, which honed my skills in relation to client care, case management, and gave me a strong grasp on Employment law. Throughout this experience I grew accustomed to niche areas of employment laws and I would like to build on this with the Byrne Wallace team. I worked closely with the Commercial litigation and insolvency team assisting partners with the preparation and execution of affidavits and briefs to Counsel. My brief few months in the corporate and commercial world really focused me for final year and showed me a glimpse of what I want to achieve.

**Crime**

Working for the State Solicitor, the main focus was trial preparation and attendance, I had to maintain active communication with the Department of Public Prosecutions and An Garda Siochána. I had to ensure that all the evidentiary requirements of the Court were met to ensure a successful prosecution, this involved meticulous preparation of briefs and books of evidence. This experience gave me an extensive understanding into Court practice and procedure and allowed me to grow connections with Counsel.

**Childcare/Family law**

My case load spanned a diverse range of family law cases, from the District Court around the country, primarily in relation to childcare applications, to cases with Counsel at the Circuit Court such as divorce, separation and parentage applications. I gained strong experience in the area of childcare law dealing with Guardians and Tusla directly. I also assisted in one of the first ever parentage applications in the District Court. My experience in childcare coincided with the height of the Pandemic where I had to strike a balance between maintaining Government guidelines and protecting children in a poorly legislated area. I have worked extensively with Byrne Wallace in this area and have engaged with many Byrne Wallace personnel and it is clear from this engagement why Byrne Wallace have a strong reputation in this area.

**Conveyancing/Property**

My work in this area mainly involved closing sales and engaging with all the relevant parties to ensure that all legal documents were in order.

Following completion of my placement in Dublin this year, with the onset of Covid-19, I moved back to Tipperary. During my time here, I completed a course in Diversity and Inclusion in the workplace, and I sat and passed another fe1 exam. I have now returned to Galway to complete my undergraduate degree.

With sharp organisational skills, careful attention to detail, and ability to work with speed and accuracy, I would be a valuable member of your team. I look forward to an interview to further discuss my qualifications and experience and am available at your convenience. I believe Byrne Wallace is the right fit for me as a firm and hope that I can be an addition to the team.

Thank you for taking the time to review my enclosed CV.

Yours Sincerely,

Loughlin Russell