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**Re: Traineeship Application 23rd October 2015**

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Lucy Ryan and am currently a final year BCL Law with History student attending University College Dublin. I am writing to apply for the position of Legal Intern within your firm. I strongly believe my candidacy is of mutual benefit to your firm in terms of the experience I possess and equally am seeking, provided by your practice areas.

My academic achievement of a consistent second class honours to date places me as a significant contender in terms of my tenacity and determination to succeed in the legal field. In applying for this internship it would afford me an invaluable opportunity to explore the sectors in your practice such as Administrative, Employment and Child Care Law to name but a few. Additionally I possess significant legal experience as a paralegal for the past three years in Griffin Solicitors which I have balanced with my college schedule whilst maintaining my academic standard. I consider my experience and the law electives I have chosen to date such as Employment, Administrative and Family Law signify my commitment to working in the law sectors practiced by Byrne Wallace Solicitors. Especially after attending your expo on Monday the 7th of October in University College Dublin, I could comprehend why Byrne Wallace is one of the leading legal recruiters in Ireland.

From my time at Griffin Solicitors, I comprehend the absolute necessity of client and lawyer collaboration, to find innovative solutions for clients through a commitment to excellence and the highest standard of legal representation possible. This is equally reflected in your recent representation of the Child & Family Agency in a landmark case in the Supreme Court. Bolstering this is the experience I have gained in preparation of case bundles, attending court and counsel meetings, research and critical analysis of casework whilst liaising with the firm within strict deadlines. Congruent to this is my experience in other commercial firms such as Maples and Calder and A&L Goodbody where I completed internships which provided me with the requisite commercial awareness and grounding of your core practise areas. Finally my competitive pursuits in Catamaran Sailing which I originally learnt through French and as news editor for the UCD University Observer paper. This underpins my desire for challenging pursuits and sense of individuality. I have also been appointed UCD SLS (Student Legal Service) Student Legal Convention Coordinator for 2015. This will entail bringing many prominent individuals from the world of law and beyond to discuss the defining issues of the day. This clearly demonstrates the goal-orientated and driven attitude I feel are pre-requisites for any prospective legal intern.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for considering my application. Please find attached, my CV for your perusal and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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