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**RE:** Trainee Programme

Dear Ms. Murray:

I am a final year law student at the University of Glasgow and am writing to apply for the Trainee Programme at ByrneWallace. I am excited about the opportunity to work in your office, particularly because of the conversations I have had with current trainees about with the opportunities for growth ByrneWallace provides in different seat rotations. They specifically mentioned the support and resources for trainees to receive a full insight into the operations of the firm and how the firm views them as important members within the team. The investment into trainees during their seat rotations to receive first hand practical experience from a partner separates ByrneWallace in providing high quality opportunities to understand the work of its legal services. I am further attracted to ByrneWallace by the development that will come from working under the supervision and guidance of partners in different departments. I value being a friendly colleague, building successful, strong relationships and being there to support others in all moments. The opportunity to be a trainee at ByrneWallace will allow me to learn from departments with leading expertise and develop connections across all levels.

My past experiences have led to my interest in applying to ByrneWallace and a career in law. During my studies, I have been interested in the legal side of the corporate world. Specifically, the details that go into proactively contacting clients to provide them with the information they need to build success and further commercial value. ByrneWallace's record of advising clients with expertise in Litigation, Corporate, Technology and Life Sciences for over 40 years demonstrates the firm's ability to provide insight and allow market leaders to stay a step ahead. What stood out from my conversations with trainee's is a people focused environment, where decency is a priority, and innovation is encouraged and focused upon. This core culture is one that algins with my interests and ideals for my own career. With my athletic career, I was always driven to push myself at the highest possible level, take initiative to build my knowledge, and be creative.

I recently worked as a summer law student, conducting client interviews, and building relationships for the drafting of affidavits and criminal sentencing statements. My position required the ability to be organised when researching and assisting in the writing of judicial reviews, appeal cases, and affidavits in a condensed period. Furthermore, in my role, I needed to design research with the aim of critically assessing existing case law to provide suggestions and advice to senior lawyers assisting clients. I recognised these are invaluable skills I will continue to build upon, but the position reaffirmed the importance of pursuing a career I am interested in. I enjoy each researching challenge and have a passion for knowledge growth. I am committed to self-development and building my legal knowledge but want to pursue this within a team dynamic with strong communication and collaboration. Working at ByrneWallace in a corporate legal environment is an opportunity to take a step in the right direction for the long-term success of my career. I believe my experience will translate to a career in corporate law when tasked by a partner with researching and working within a team to finish a project or work stream.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew Douglas