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To the Graduate Recruitment Manager,

I wish to put forward my application for a position in the ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme. I recently graduated from Maynooth University, having achieved a high 2.1 in my undergraduate degree and am currently pursuing an LLM in Trinity College Dublin.

ByrneWallace’s Trainee Programme is highly attractive and I believe will offer me an invaluable insight into the solicitor’s profession. A career in law is of paramount interest to me as it encapsulates many values and attributes which are often overlooked, or have diminished in today’s society. Attributes such as integrity, creativity, responsiveness and interpersonal skills are all key in becoming a successful lawyer. I believe that I have a firm grasp on all of the above and I strive to uphold them all in my day to day life.

Furthermore, I have proven myself throughout my time in University to be a highly motivated and driven individual. This can be seen for example through my participation in moot court competitions. To date, I have represented my university at a number of these competitions and was selected out of a large number of applicants to represent Maynooth at the annual Europa Moot Court Competition, which was due to be held in Portugal last April.

I was also heavily involved in the Free Legal Advice Society in Maynooth and occupied the position of Vice-Chair for two years. Before I joined the society, it had no active members or committee. However, we endeavoured to revive the society and provided students with training on how to advise at our clinics, which we ran for members of the public as well as students of the University.

My decision to pursue a career in law was solidified in July of 2019 when I commenced my internship with DFMG Solicitors. I worked on an unpaid basis for the months of July and August and thoroughly enjoyed the work that I was presented with. I was assigned to the Intellectual Property Department of the firm however I worked closely with solicitors in other departments and gained a real insight into the day to day life in a commercial law firm.

I am an energetic and enthusiastic person and I enjoy working to solve challenging issues in a dynamic and fast paced environment. I have proven myself in the past to be capable of handling heavy workloads and enjoy pushing myself towards self-improvement. ByrneWallace’s prestige as a leading Irish law firm is highly attractive to any aspiring lawyer. This combined with the opportunity to work alongside solicitors and partners who are experts in their field as part of the Trainee Program has inspired me to put forward my application.

Should my application be successful, and I be afforded the opportunity to participate in the programme, I would strive to go the extra mile on a daily basis and endeavor to participate fully, thus furthering my interest in the profession and lifestyle as a whole.

Yours Sincerely,

Matthew Jones LLB.

LLM Candidate.