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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Megan Murphy Byrne and I am a Bachelor of Laws graduate from Maynooth University. I graduated last year with a second class honours grade 1 degree. I am writing in relation to obtaining a traineeship with ByrneWallace in 2017.

I have recently completed the 8 FE-1 exams. I sat four of these in March last and the remaining four earlier this month. I passed the four exams that I sat in March; Constitutional Law, Tort Law, Criminal Law and Property Law. I am awaiting the results of the remaining four exams.

I have worked full time in Ahern & McDonnell Solicitors in Dundalk since August 2016. My contribution to the firm includes being responsible for various different duties that I have outlined in my Curriculum Vitae. This experience has been indispensable as I have gained a great insight into the day-to-day workings of a law firm. It is knowledge that I simply could not have gained from my degree alone. I believe this will be highly relevant to a traineeship with ByrneWallace as I will be capable of dealing with the challenges presented on a day-to-day basis. ByrneWallace is a firm that has a fast-paced environment and I have the experience and capabilities to meet its needs.

Previous to working in Ahern and McDonnell, I worked part-time in retail in Diamonds Jewellers for four years. I have gained great communication and interpersonal skills from this experience. Henceforth, enabling me to build relationships with new customers on a daily basis. I consider myself to be a confident out-going person who can build good customer relations quickly and efficiently.

I want to pursue a traineeship with ByrneWallace as it deals with a wide variety of law. I am most interested in corporate law and banking and financial law. It is one of the most respected firms in the country that deals in these areas. In secondary school I had the role of manager in my student bank that we created for the AIB Build a Bank Challenge. I thoroughly enjoyed this role and had a great interest in the workings of a bank. In University I chose the module Banking and Financial law and achieved a 1st in the exam. I also studied Company Law which I found to be very interesting also. A traineeship with ByrneWallace would help me pursue my career in this area as this is what I see myself practicing as a solicitor. It would help me further my knowledge of the law in this area and enable me to put into practice what I have already learned. My skills in this area have developed through working in Ahern and McDonnell and therefore I am confident that I would be able to benefit the firm in many ways. As the lawyers in ByrneWallace are so sucessful, it would be a great opportunity to be able to observe how they deal with situations and to be able to learn from them.

I have attached my Curriculum Vitae which demonstrates my strong academic background and previous work experience. I would be grateful if you could consider me for a traineeship as working here would help me gain the necessary skills and qualities to further my career. Thank you for taking the time to read my application.

Yours sincerely,

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