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Byrne Wallace,
88 Harcourt St,
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Re: Application for Trainee Programme 2021

Dear Sir/ Madam,

It with great enthusiasm that I am writing to you to submit my application for a position within your 2021 Trainee Programme at Byrne Wallace. My name is Michelle Farrell and I am in my final year of my BCL Law with Politics degree in University College Dublin, currently holding a 1:1 (3.77 GPA).

I have chosen to pursue a career in corporate law because it is dynamic, intellectually stimulating and fast-paced. I am continually excited by the idea of working on projects of economic and social significance, alongside the most impressive minds in the country. My practical and hands-on experience working in BHSM Solicitors has solidified my decision to pursue my chosen career.

If offered a position with Byrne Wallace, I will be allowed to excel within one of the leading firms in the country. Naturally, I am aware of their high calibre of influence in applying and shaping the law and providing exceptional services, which has given them a prestigious reputation for achieving excellence in everything they do. This is evident from their numerous awards and accreditations. I have been greatly impressed by the firm's diversity in their many practice areas and their commitment a forward-thinking approach in advising clients. The progressive nature of the firm is of great importance to me as a young graduate. From following Byrne Wallace's involvement in the industry, such as its continual sponsorship of the 2018 Annual Technology Ireland Industry Awards, it is clear that the firm is primed to help lead the legal industry into the next era of technological integration in the workplace. After meeting team members at last year's UCD careers fair, I believe that the firm stands out from their competitors in many ways.

I possess several transferable skills that would allow me to complement your firm and to excel therein. I naturally show drive, initiative and strong work-ethic, hopefully evident from my academic achievements to date. My studies of Law, the practical and hands-on legal experience I possess and my role as Editor-in-Chief of the UCD Student Legal Service Law Journal have provided me with an invaluable insight into the reality of the legal world, instilling a sense of commercial awareness and acumen within me. My experience within the hospitality industry as a Receptionist and my roles within the UCD Student Legal Service have made me an excellent communicator, team player and creative problem-solver from my experience with motivating several academic and hospitality teams. I excelled in conflict resolution in my positions because I enjoyed engaging with the clients and team members, professionally representing the organisations and finding creative, practical and satisfying solutions. I am naturally extremely organised and efficient, highly articulate and intellectually curious and have honed these skills academically from my studies and extracurricular involvement. I learned how to transfer these skills into a professional setting from my legal experience. I believe Byrne Wallace will allow me to continue to excel and to develop the skills necessary to become a successful Solicitor. I am keen to practice in litigation in the future and I believe your firm would provide me with exactly what I need to effectively kick-start my legal career. I am, furthermore, interested in the areas of Intellectually Property Law, Employment Law and Property Law as I found them highly stimulating throughout my studies.

From my research of the training programme at Byrne Wallace, it is evident that this experience would be invaluable to me in my future career. As an excellent firm with values which truly resonate with my own, I see your firm wherein I could succeed long-term. A traineeship here would allow me to excel and transfer my skills to contribute effectively to an impressive team and continue to develop and learn as a budding Solicitor. I hope that I have demonstrated my enthusiasm, determination and qualification to earn a position in Byrne Wallace. Thank you for your time in considering my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
Michelle Farrell.