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Dear Byrne Wallace Recruitment,

I would like to express my interest for the position of trainee solicitor at Byrne Wallace, which I saw advertised on the firm's website.

I am driven to progress my legal career by completing my training to become a qualified solicitor, and I believe the trainee programme with Byrne Wallace would be an excellent opportunity to do so. I am confident I have the necessary skills and experience required to successfully take on this position, which I have outlined below.

My education and work experience have solidified my interest in law and have made me ambitious to pursue a legal career. My undergraduate studies in Law and French at University College Cork enabled me to develop core legal skills and fostered my passion for law, motivating me to continue with my legal career. Following this, my work with the JCOERE project has further developed my legal skills, and my interest in law, corporate insolvency, and commercial law generally. During this time, I also completed my LLM Master's degree at University College Cork, which provided me with the opportunity to broaden my legal knowledge and to further hone my research skills by undertaking advanced legal research. Most recently, I wrote my postgraduate thesis on corporate governance and risk management, affording me the opportunity to further expand my knowledge on corporate law.

I possess strong communication, interpersonal and teamworking skills, which I have gained through my education and my significant experience working in client-facing roles. Studying law at undergraduate and postgraduate level allowed me to develop my communication skills to be consistently clear, succinct and accurate. Whilst working in client-facing roles, my communication skills helped me to ensure that robust solutions were consistently delivered to clients. Working as part of a team in talent acquisition and in legal research has also enabled me to hone my teamworking skills. My current role involves working with three research teams across Europe, requiring a high standard of collaboration along with excellent communication. I also pride myself on my attention to detail, my organisational merits and my ability to prioritise tasks in a fast-paced working environment. In any task I undertake, my strategic and creative planning, attention to detail, and critical approach are consistent, as I believe these are key features to success.

I am ambitious to take the next step in progressing my legal career by training with a leading firm. Byrne Wallace undoubtedly offers this opportunity as a leading Irish law firm, renowned for being progressive, forward-thinking and client focused. Having attended the trainee insights webinar, I was impressed to learn more about the vast work that the firm undertakes in advising businesses, corporations and other clients on a broad range of legal issues, focused on delivering innovative and expert advice to every client. I am keen to train with a firm that operates with a strong working culture, where a supportive and collaborative environment is fostered. I would be ambitious to learn as much as I can during this traineeship, and I am confident that Byrne Wallace will provide an excellent opportunity to learn from expert lawyers and to gain valuable insight and training.

I believe my work experience and the skills that I have developed to date would make me an asset to Byrne Wallace's Dublin office. I am an outgoing, enthusiastic and confident worker, who enjoys working towards a challenging yet rewarding goal. Communicating and collaborating with others to deliver a comprehensive and organised standard of work is something which I value highly. I believe the opportunity for professional development and the exposure through extensive rotations that Byrne Wallace's trainee programme provides would broaden my legal skillset and advance my journey

towards becoming a solicitor. The prospect of training with such a highly regarded firm is an experience which I would approach with a high level of initiative and enthusiasm.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this application, I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Molly O'Connor