Dear Beth Onslow,

As a recent LL.M graduate it is with great enthusiasm that I am writing to you to apply for the Byrne Wallace Trainee Solicitor Programme.

For me Byrne Wallace is the stand out law firm in Ireland. While this position is illustrated through awards and client feedback, it has been my own experience at the Byrne Wallace open evening that really solidified my decision to apply. From speaking to the Trainees, Associates and Partners at the open evening I can truly see that Byrne Wallace would be an incredible place to train as a solicitor. A firm which prides itself on its respect and decency appeals to me as the firm clearly values both its employees and its clients. Byrne Wallace clearly invests in its trainees, through hands on training and encouraging each individual to take responsibility for their own development and chart their own course through the seat rotations in the core practice areas of the firm. I am inspired by the calibre of work offered to trainees at Byrne Wallace with the opportunity to work with highly talented lawyers who are expert leaders in their fields. The Partner supervision offers a chance to really learn and develop the core skills necessary to be a solicitor.

My academic background and diverse work experience has equipped me with a unique skill set to bring something different to my trainee intake in Byrne Wallace. Attending three universities has offered me a more diverse education as well as a broader cultural outlook. Following my final year of undergraduate studies I completed two legal internships, in an international commercial law firm and in the Office of the Attorney General. During my LL.M I worked part time as a lifeguard in the Google European Headquarter swimming pool and upon completion of my Masters was subsequently promoted to Supervisor and Aqua Fit Instructor. These roles provided me with the ability to understand different customer goals, manage different personalities in the workplace and handle increasing levels of responsibility, essential attributes for those entering the legal profession.

My time both as an intern and paralegal has reaffirmed my belief that a career in corporate law is the right choice for me. Working on projects with the Trainees, Associates and Partners in the Litigation department of Arthur Cox has grounded my understanding of the strategic thinking and commercial awareness essential to deliver for clients within a fast-paced corporate environment. I am hard working, professional and purport to exercise sound judgement on a daily basis. This combination of factors underpins my confidence that I have the requisite set of qualifications and the personality to excel as a Trainee within Byrne Wallace.

I believe I have the skills, personality, academic background and experience to be an excellent candidate for this position. I would love to fulfil my potential as a Trainee at Byrne Wallace and feel as though I have a lot to offer the firm in return.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours Sincerely,

Muireann Morrissey