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## <u>Trainee Solicitor Programme</u>

Dear Ms. Loftus,

I am a final year student studying Law International at University College Cork and I am applying for the Trainee Solicitor Programme in ByrneWallace. I have a keen interest in pursuing a career in law and I believe that I am a suitable candidate for the position of trainee solicitor.

I always had an interest in studying law throughout secondary school. During transition year I worked in both a law firm and in the Oireachtas. These two experiences allowed me to see how law works in everyday life, both in the courts and within government, and further made me want to pursue a career in law.

From my studies in University College Cork, I have gained a keen interest in areas of law such as Property, Commercial and Company law. I have also studied Life Sciences law and the Law of Armed Conflict in the University of Copenhagen.

Furthermore, as a member of the UCC Free Legal Aid Clinic, I have gained a more extensive insight into how the law operates in practice.

Based on this, I know that pursuing a career in a firm such as ByrneWallace would be a great opportunity for me. Apart from specialising in areas which are of great interest to me, I know that the firm has the reputation of being incredibly diverse, friendly and open.

As you will note from my CV, I also have extensive people-facing experience from working in both the hospitality and retail industries. From my current role as front of house staff in Roosters Piri Piri and other previous roles, I have developed excellent interpersonal and communication skills, which has allowed me to improve my ability to work as part of a team to accomplish a goal.

Additionally, I have also been able to further my organisational and time-management skills as a result of this work experience. I have also been involved in charity work such as volunteering for Cork Penny Dinners, which I would attend every Sunday serving meals and helping in the kitchen.

I am now looking to secure a role as a trainee with ByrneWallace and I am confident that my academic achievements and work experience make me a strong candidate for this position. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and I am available for an interview at any time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely, Owen Doody