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Graduate Recruitment
ByrneWallace
88 Harcourt St,
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Re: Traineeship Application

Dear Graduate Recruitment,

I am both an MSc International Law and Business Graduate, and Bachelor of Corporate Law Graduate from UCD and NUIG respectively. I graduated from UCD with a First Class Honours whilst graduating with an Upper Second Class Honours in NUIG, ranking 8th out of a class of 43. I am currently due to sit my first four FE1 examinations this coming November. I am writing to to apply for a training contract with ByrneWallace. I initially became interested in ByrneWallace through the firm's market leading progressive nature, particularly its focus on leveraging technology in a client centric manner. Having had an opportunity to work on projects with the Real Estate department in McCann FitzGerald I developed a keen interest in the intricacies of the area. ByrneWallace are second to none in this regard. The firm boasts one of the largest Real Estate departments in Ireland with an impressive portfolio of clients such as Jaguar Land Rover & PayPal. Furthermore, throughout my Masters I received training on a more profound level from Junior Counsel Cathal McGreal in the area of Employment Law. ByrneWallace has a strong reputation as the leading Employment Law practice in the country advising the Irish state on employment issues. In addition to this, the firm has advised high-profile clients such as RTE & The Irish Times.

I have always known that I would like to train and work in a leading commercial law engaging in the largest deals in the State. This was further reinforced when I excelled in such an environment spending 8 months working as a Legal Review Assistant in McCann FitzGerald. In having had exposure to key practice areas such as Litigation, Real Estate and Construction, I believe I have further nurtured my ever-present problem-solving and communication skills, coupled with my strong work ethic. An example of this was when I attended a client meeting & engaged in an extensive reconciliation task concerning a high-profile Construction Conciliation matter. I believe

this experience will enable me to make a seamless transition into the role of a trainee solicitor.

I believe one of my strong unique selling points is my understanding of how the deliverance of legal services is shifting rapidly which compliments the vision of ByrneWallace. This is personified by the Research Thesis I undertook as part of my Masters on the topic of 'How Robotic Process Automation Fits into Law Firm Operations' where we worked in collaboration with Matheson. In addition to this, I have had the opportunity throughout my legal experience to utilize the Kira AI platform, leverage and manage datarooms and utilize the Relativity E-Discovery platform. I believe these technologies will only garner greater importance in the Covid era.

I am very looking forward to hearing from you and showcasing the value I can bring as a trainee to ByrneWallace.

Yours sincerely,

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