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**BY EMAIL**

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To whom it may concern

**TRAINEESHIP APPLICATION 2016**

I wish to apply for a traineeship position at *ByrneWallace* for 2016, as I saw advertised on your website.

I have a strong legal background. I studied BCL (Law and Irish) at *University College Cork*, for which I graduated with a first class honours in 2014. The modules which I particularly excelled at were Company Law and Employment Law. During my degree, I attained and improved many skills, such as legal research and legal writing.

I have strong professional experience in law, having been employed for nearly two years in *McGuire Desmond Solicitors* in Cork. I gained experience in a wide variety of areas, including corporate law, insolvency law, employment law, litigation and taxation. I have other office experience, having been employed by *Dublin City University* to work on a number of projects, including legal translation.

In the current academic year, I am studying LLM (Sports Law) in *Nottingham Trent University*. I was awarded with the *Dean's Master's Scholarship for Academic Excellence*. Though a masters in Sports Law, it allows for a broad range of learning. I studying areas such as competition law, European policy, commerce and more. I am also studying elective modules including corporate and insolvency. Please find enclosed my *curriculum vitae*, outlining my work experience and academic achievements in more detail.

I have currently completed six of the required eight FE-1 examinations. I sat my final two in the recent Autumn sitting and I expect to be eligible for *Blackhall Place* in September 2016.

Outside of professional and academia, I have collaborated on a number of projects. I assisted the head of Law and Irish, Seán Ó Conaill, in a European Commission/Supporters Direct-funded football governance project. I have also sat on the Rules Committee of Cork City Football Club, which dealt with reviewing the company's constitution. In my spare time, I run a sports law blog which has received local and national attention.

I believe that I have the qualities to benefit *ByrneWallace* as a trainee. I believe that my knowledge in corporate and commercial law, in particular, make me a suitable candidate. I am passionate about working in Ireland's biggest legal firm. I believe that I could be an asset for *ByrneWallace*, both in the short term as a trainee and in the longer term as a qualified solicitor. I would be very grateful and excited to be given the opportunity.

Should I be considered for an interview, I would be delighted and available to attend at any time.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

**PAUL BARRY**