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Ms. Ciara Loftus

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Dear Ms. Loftus,

My name is Peter Holland and I am a final year Business and Law student at University College Dublin. I am writing to apply for a position on the Byrne Wallace Trainee Programme commencing in 2022. Please find a copy of my Curriculum Vitae enclosed for your review. Byrne Wallace is an esteemed and progressive law firm, who works with international clients on the largest commercial deals. Byrne Wallace is a forward-thinking firm, which has been awarded both nationally and internationally for its commitment to delivering excellence and is recognised as the only top ten Irish law firm certified with Lexcel, the quality mark of excellence in practice management, which adds to my desire to pursue a career in the firm.

From studying finance and accounting in my degree, I have developed an interest in Investment Funds. In 2018, I was a member of the technology team on the Student Managed Fund where we conducted forecast-analysis and equity research on Amazon. This experience showed me the indispensability of collaboration and teamwork. Among the diversity of the many practice areas in Byrne Wallace, the firm has a formidable Asset Management and Investment Funds Department, which adds to my desire to be a trainee in the firm. These key teamwork and leadership skills that I built on during my time on the SMF are applicable in a law firm where I will have to work as part of a team and interact with my teammates continuously.

From my time in secondary school and now in University, I seek to excel in my performance with my academics. Since the beginning of my penultimate year in UCD, I have been ranked 5th/105 in my class. I believe this value to be indispensable in a career in corporate law due to the complexities of legal analysis, critical reasoning and client hospitality; all key skills which I believe I have gained from my time in UCD and also from my part-time jobs in O’Briens Wines and Soho House.

From working in O’Briens Wines throughout the majority of my time at University, I managed my time efficiently and effectively. I was able to balance my part-time job, my sporting commitments, my social life while still being able to maintain strong and consistent academic results.

I believe that my dual degree in law and business is providing me with the combined understanding for a successful career in Byrne Wallace. Pursuing a career in law is incredibly appealing to me due to its challenging, yet rewarding, nature. It is an everchanging profession which requires lawyers to adapt to new legislation and technological advancements, which interests me as I will be learning continuously in my career. Throughout my degree, I have had the opportunity to navigate various areas of law. I get great personal satisfaction from using my unique skills to provide people with solutions, using the law as a way to enable businesses and individuals to thrive, not as a barrier to their respective endeavours.

Based on my strong academic results in UCD, in 2019, I was fortunate to have been offered the opportunity to study abroad at the prestigious Bocconi University in Milan. The University was ranked number 8 in the world for Business and Management in 2019. I particularly enjoyed the broad selection of modules that were offered to me while I was there such as Fundamentals of Information Technology Law. I learned a great deal about the GDPR and large data privacy cases such as the Google Spain case which introduced the right to be forgotten and also the recent Schrems decision invalidating the Safe Harbor agreement. It was an unforgettable experience where I travelled and lived independently with new friends and learned a great deal about Italy and its culture.

During my legal internship in Beauchamps Solicitors, I gained invaluable experience on drafting companies' constitutions and directors' resignation letters in compliance with the Companies Act 2014. I gained beneficial experience working in a deadline-driven and fast-paced environment which, I consider to be essential in the legal profession when liaising with clients and colleagues.

Given my high level of ambition and real enthusiasm, I believe I would adapt seamlessly into the firm’s philosophy and culture and prove to be an asset to the firm.

Thank you for giving my application your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Peter Holland