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Ref: Graduate Trainee Programme Application

Dear Recruitment Manager,

My name is Pia Barrett, LL.B. graduate of Trinity College Dublin (First Class Hons.) and current LL.M. student at Utrecht University, NL. My motivation for applying to the Byrne Wallace LLP graduate Trainee Programme stems from the strong reputation of the firm, lengthy discussions with firm representatives at career fairs, and a summer internship with commercial law firm McCann FitzGerald Solicitors in 2019.

As stated in the online application, my interests in law are forward-looking at IT focused, which align with many of the practice areas in this firm. I believe that through my education and work experience, I have the capabilities to successfully contribute to the work done at Byrne Wallace. In turn, it can be noted that I possess the core skills needed to work in a firm of this calibre – collaboration, adaptability, innovation and dedication. Further, the gender ratio in the firm is admirable with many strong leading females and an evident commitment to diversity and inclusion. I am keen to work in an environment where all team members are valued, supported and respected.

Since graduating from Trinity College Dublin, I have undertaken stimulating and challenging work in various fields (as outlined on my CV) which have greatly enabled my decision to pursue a career as a solicitor. After a challenging summer working in hospitality during the height of the pandemic, I took the opportunity to move to Madrid where I worked as an English language assistant. Taking a year to venture to the other side of the classroom in a foreign environment brought its challenges and rewards. As detailed in this application, the experience was invaluable and endorsed many of my skills that would be suited to working in a leading law firm – specifically adaptability, communication and teamwork. Following my return to Ireland, I spent the summer of 2021 working with Permanent TSB and gaining insight into the operational workings of the financial sector. The banking environment is forward-looking and IT driven, which align with my interests and skills as previously mentioned. Data Privacy is also a key concern in the banking sector, which lent itself to my newest role as a data privacy consultant beginning in the coming weeks.

Most prominently, as noted I am currently undertaking my LL.M. degree in Utrecht University (NL), studying ‘Law and Technology in Europe’. This programme is of huge interest to me as I am keen to delve deeper into how the law is adapting and will adapt to our growing digital economy and society.

I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss my credentials and suitability to this firm at a time convenient to your good self.

Yours sincerely,

Pia Barrett.