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Head of the Trainee Programme
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Re: Traineeship Application

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to register my application for the position of trainee solicitor with Byrne Wallace. I would appreciate if you would consider my application for this role as I am very driven, ambitious and strive to excel in any task or role I undertake and I am certain that if given the opportunity to work for Byrne Wallace that it will be a successful fit for both of us.

With regards to my educational background, I graduated in 2008 with BCL from University College Cork. Following this I completed a Masters in Law (UCC) and achieved a First Class Honours (1:1). During this time, I was also Editor in Chief of Cork Online Law Review. In relation to the FE-1 examinations, I have successfully completed four of the exams, awaiting results for three exams and I am sitting my final exam in March 2017.

In addition to my strong educational foundation, I have robust work experience which will be advantageous for the dynamic environment in Byrne Wallace. In June 2016, I was promoted to Senior Judicial Researcher, Head of the Judicial Researchers' Office, where I am responsible for leading a team of five people. Our team provides legal research support to the Irish judiciary. Prior to this promotion, I was a Judicial Assistant in the High Court. During this period I worked and solely supported high profile cases such as *Ian Bailey v. Commissioner of An Garda Síochána, The Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Ireland and the Attorney General* and projects such as the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary 2015-2016 Project on *Funding of the Judiciary* and the 2014-2015 Project on the *Development of Minimum Judicial Standards V: Minimum Standards regarding Disciplinary Procedures*. In addition to this I was Mr. Justice Hedigan's assigned researcher for two years and between January and May 2016, I was also researcher to Mr. Justice Kelly, President of the High Court, for the President's lists. I also have experience of teaching at third-level, being employed by the Faculty of Law in University College Cork as an Assistant Lecturer in the Law of Torts between October 2010 – May 2011 and September – December 2012.

I want to become a trainee with Byrne Wallace for three reasons: (i) the diversity of practice areas and the opportunity to gain wide experience; (ii) the challenging

environment and having the opportunity to utilise and hone my excellent communication, interpersonal and analytical skills while working on complex transactions and meeting the needs of clients; and (iii) the value placed on the contribution of trainees and the support provided to ensure the progression of a trainee's development to the highest standard.

Attached you will find my CV, which I believe demonstrates that I have the experience, capabilities and skills necessary to be a successful employee in Byrne Wallace.

I would be available for interview at your discretion and if you have any questions or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Hanly