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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to apply for a trainee position on the ByrneWallace graduate programme. My name is Rebecca Cawley and I am a graduate of UCD where I completed my Bachelor of Law with Economics. I am currently undertaking an internship with Mangan O'Beirne Solicitors in Donnybrook and studying for my next set of FE-1 examinations. I completed four of the examinations in October and I am awaiting my results.

I am applying to ByrneWallace as it provides one of the top trainee programmes in the country. The trainee programme will allow me to demonstrate both my academic and practical skills, while also gaining valuable experience in an internationally renowned law firm. A place as a trainee in ByrneWallace is the next step in advancing my legal career.

Law with Economics is a major-minor degree which has allowed me to become much more than a law student. I chose this degree as I wanted to pursue a career as a solicitor, whilst developing practical skills to complement my economic and business interests. The UCD School of Law has provided me with an excellent education to date. I am dedicated to my studies and received first class honours in my final year exams and I graduated in September with a high second class honours. I have learned how to research, advocate, present and practically apply my growing legal knowledge. I have studied the core law modules and chosen key areas which interest me, such as company law, property law and advocacy. I enjoy mooted and I reached the national semi-final of the Gael Linn mooted competition which was run through Irish. My economics background complements my legal studies and I have acquired economic skills which I can use in a legal setting.

I am currently undertaking an internship which has given me a wealth of legal experience while building on my foundation of academic knowledge. The firm have given me responsibilities ranging from clerking to attending Counsel on behalf of the firm. I am assisting with case files and the preparing of briefs for Counsel. The internship has provided me with grounding in practical legal experience and continues to enable me to develop my legal skills and gain an insight into the workings of a law firm. I have worked in many areas of the firm, from conveyancing to probate, litigation and commercial services.

During my college studies I was also employed as a lifeguard in UCD Sport and Fitness. While first-rate client care was expected of staff I enjoyed building relationships with the swimmers and helping them to develop their strokes. The role required excellent teamwork and communication skills in the prevention of accidents.

Please find attached my C.V. and my application form. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Rebecca Cawley