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Byrne Wallace,

88 Harcourt Street,  
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Dear Byrne Wallace,

My name is Rebecca O’Brien. I am a graduate of University College Cork, where I graduated with a 2:1 in Law & French. I will soon graduate with a 1:1 in an MSc in International Law and Business from Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School. This October I undertook four FE1s, including Company Law, Law of Contract, Criminal Law and European Union Law. I am writing to your firm in application for a trainee position.

My legal experience combined with my third level education have cemented my desire to pursue a career in a corporate law firm such as Byrne Wallace. My masters presented me with the opportunity to further my legal studies, particularly in the areas of tax and data protection & privacy law, while equally allowing me to branch into business-oriented subjects, such as Economics of Entrepreneurship and International Business Management. Gaining a broad understanding of contemporary issues facing corporate law firms combined with a unique insight into the business and entrepreneurial perspectives will prove to be an invaluable resource. Consulting the CEO of Trustap, a new entrepreneurial company, recently allowed me to put my individual understanding of both entrepreneurial and legal perspectives into practice.

As part of my MSc I was afforded the opportunity to work in collaboration with Grant Thornton to complete a project concerning digital disruption in the professional services industry. The project provided me with a unique insight into the future of the legal sector and the importance of innovation and technology. Keeping up to date with technological developments and understanding the inter-dependencies between the legal and technology sectors will prove imperative going forward. As one of Ireland’s premier technology law firms Byrne Wallace evidently not only understands but also actively embraces technology and innovation. The firm’s leading position will prepare me for a career that is designed under the framework of adaptability and innovation.

Working as a legal intern, alongside barristers and solicitors, has provided me with experience undoubtedly pertinent to a traineeship position at Byrne Wallace. At BHK Solicitors I witnessed first-hand the fast-paced, collegiate environment manifested within corporate law firms. I understand the diligence, professionalism and dedication required to thrive in this environment. This understanding would be further perfected through training at Byrne Wallace.

I am an incredibly ambitious, punctual and well-organised individual. My hard-work and commitment are exhibited through my work-experience at Paradise Crepe. My interest in sport combined with my participation in group projects such as the McCann Fitzgerald Legal Hackathon has enabled me to develop invaluable interpersonal and teamwork skills, as referenced in my C.V. I believe I have the unique combination of a thorough education in commercial law and business as well as having personality that can adapt to different working environments, evidenced by my involvement in social, academic and working groups.

Byrne Wallace’s ability to remain at the forefront of legal developments in an everchanging landscape and first-class training programme have been driving incentives that have drawn me to your firm. I believe my drive and career focus would be a valuable addition to the ethos of excellence fostered in Byrne Wallace. My commitment to both academia and nurturing relationships in professional and social circles is an essential catalyst in upholding the consistent excellence delivered to clients of Byrne Wallace.

I have attached my C.V. for your consideration and would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to review my application.

Yours faithfully,

Rebecca O’Brien