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Dear Human Resources Team,

I am a final year law student in UCD and I am writing to apply for the ByrneWallace Trainee Programme. I am interested in securing a training contract commencing in 2017.

This past June, I participated in the University of Tulsa’s ‘Institute in European and International Law’ in UCD. The ‘Global Health Law’ classes I attended focused on the ethical obligations of pharmaceutical companies engaging in clinical trials. However, I gained a basic understanding of the drugs approval process and was introduced to the major players in the pharmaceutical industry. Consequently, I can definitely see myself engaging in the work of the ‘Life Sciences’ practice group in ByrneWallace. Furthermore, the ‘International Children’s Rights’ classes looked at several topics including child care law, which is of course another area in which ByrneWallace practices.

This past summer I also volunteered on the organising committee for the ELSA Summer School on Corporate Law and Finance. During the week of the summer school, I was fortunate enough to attend the talks we had organised for participants. These ranged from a talk by the Director of Corporate Enforcement on “The Role of the ODCE in Financial Regulation”, to a talk from the Head of Legal at NAMA, Aideen O’Reilly, on “The Recast Insolvency Legislation”. My eyes were opened to areas of the law I had not considered before and I became certain that, particularly within the wide range of practice areas in ByrneWallace, I could find a niche area in which I would particularly enjoy working post-qualification.

I have many skills and attributes which I believe would make me an excellent trainee. My position as ‘Training and Development Officer’ last year was a challenge which has made me confident in my own abilities and an effective team player. Throughout the academic year I organised three major events while balancing my academic studies and other extra-curricular activities. This is proof of my ability to multitask while producing quality outcomes, a skill I could apply in working as a trainee. Furthermore, my commitment to learning and teaching speech and drama shows my discipline and consistency towards the projects I undertake. My exams have involved unprepared improvisations and speeches which has given me the ability to think on my feet. I have also learned to be an effective communicator, through my correspondence with various firms and individuals on behalf of the UCD Student Legal Service and the European Law Students’ Association.

The Trainee Programme in ByrneWallace would be an amazing starting point in reaching my goal of becoming a solicitor. I know I can make a valuable contribution as a ByrneWallace trainee if given the opportunity.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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