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Dear Ciara Loftus,

My name is Robert, and I am a final-year Masters in Common Law student at UCD. Drawing on my client-facing professional background in architecture and my excellent academic achievements, I am seeking to reorient my career towards commercial legal practice. Given my unique professional, academic, and extra-curricular background, I believe I would make an excellent contribution to Byrne Wallace LLP in the capacity of a trainee and future solicitor.

Firstly, from working at a small commercial architecture practice, I have had a first-hand and ever-growing role in providing a sophisticated professional service to commercial clients. Through collaborative engagement with these clients, I have learned how our firm's success is not simply a matter of competently executing pre-defined briefs but of also supporting the decision-making processes by which briefs come to be defined. This involves helping clients identify and strategically manage a range of legal and practical risks and opportunities. This aspect of my work has been an especially dynamic and engaging and has inspired my pursuit of a legal career. It has also allowed me to practice a professional standard of communication, research, and presentation: skills that would be of significant value to a full-service law firm like Byrne Wallace.

I am particularly drawn to Byrne Wallace in several respects. For one, there is the considerable range and diversity of its clients—including a significant proportion of public sector and non-commercial entities—and I would love to learn about the particularities of these clients' operations and decision-making processes. From advising non-profits on the acquisition of social housing earlier this year, to the firm's extensive work with the HSE as well as a range of professional representative bodies, it is clear to me that Byrne Wallace's services create value in broad and diverse ways. I am also highly drawn to an organisational culture that prides itself on respect and decency. Working for both a small commercial firm reliant on teamwork and close client relations and with a charity reliant on volunteer labour and donations, I am familiar with the intrinsic and extrinsic rewards of this value, both within an organisation and facing outwards.

Lastly, I have a strong work ethic and excellent time management skills and academic ability. At UCD, I have maintained a 1.1 average while working part time in architecture and overseeing the accounts and corporate governance of a small charity. I was also the only first-year law student selected for the UCD Law Review Editorial Board for 2021. Similarly, I graduated with first-class honours for my primary degree in Honours Philosophy from McGill University and maintained an equivalent 'A' average in Architecture at the University of British Columbia. Within ten months of starting the latter degree, I found relevant and engaging employment in the field, speaking to the rigor of my skill-development. From all these experiences, I am accustomed to fast-paced and demanding work and am confident that I could perform to the high standard required by your firm.

I hope you will consider my application and am grateful in advance for your time. I would be more than happy to provide references on request. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at 089 424 3882 or by email at [adamson.robert.t@gmail.com](mailto:adamson.robert.t@gmail.com)

Sincerely,



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