**To Whom It May Concern,**I would like to convey my interest in joining your law firm, Byrne Wallace, as a trainee. I am enclosing a copy of my curriculum vitae for your consideration. I am a fourth year law and psychology student at the University of Limerick. I intend to sit the FE-1 examinations in September 2016 and March 2017. As well as studying full time, I currently work part-time in the Castletroy Park Hotel as a waitress. I believe that maintaining a part-time job through college not only offers independence but also greatly enhances numerous transferable skills such as time management skills; these are developed through the balancing of college work and my part-time job, communication and customer service skills, problem solving skills and team work skills.

A training contract with your firm would greatly appeal to me because of your broad range of practice areas. Byrne Wallace is one of Ireland's leading law firms and is reputed to provide an excellent working and learning environment for trainee solicitors. Byrne Wallace’s client focused dedication appeals to me as the protection and promotion of their client’s interests are key aspects when providing legal advice. Byrne Wallace continue to maintain its position as a leading Irish law firm, winning various prestigious awards, such as :Employment Law Team of the Year, 2015, Litigation Case of the Year, 2014 and Employment Law Team of the Year, 2012, to name a few.

From an early age I have had an interest in studying law but it was my final year of school, when I was truly drawn to this career path. Upon the completion of my Leaving Certificate History project titled ‘The Miscarriages of Justice experienced in Northern Ireland during ‘The Troubles’’ my interests in this field of work were truly sparked. My interests were confirmed by both studying various subjects over the past four years and through my completion of the Co-Operative Education Programme provided for students in the University of Limerick. I completed my ‘Co-Op’ in the top tier law firm Mason Hayes & Curran. Mason Hayes & Curran taught me much about the legal world, and deepened my passion for law. I was trusted with a high level of responsibility and was treated like a trainee. The skills in which I have developed from this experience are highly transferable and will serve to benefit me in the future.

I believe I have much to offer Byrne Wallace. I am very adaptable and can work in any environment; my work experience has ranged from UL campus tour guide to a legal intern in the debt recovery department of Mason Hayes & Curran, one of the leading commercial law firms in the country, to being a waitress in a 4 star hotel ensuring customer satisfaction, to dealing with a range of diverse customers in a fast paced environment in the Catering Department of Knock Airport. I believe I am well suited to a career in law and would value a traineeship with such an eminent practice as Byrne Wallace. I am diligent and methodical, with good attention to detail – all of which are important attributes for a lawyer. In my academic career and employment experiment to date, I believe I have demonstrated to myself and those around me a capacity for both hard work and team participation. I would welcome the opportunity to develop my career with your firm.

**Yours faithfully,**

Roisin O’Brien