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**Dear whom this may concern,**

Please accept my letter of application for the position of trainee solicitor in your law practice, Byrne Wallace. This is an attractive opportunity for myself, as I am a recent law graduate seeking to secure a traineeship. This position, in particular, greatly appeals to me as it is my ambition to work in a commercial law firm when I qualify. As well as this I have a keen interest in the firm’s areas of expertise; Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Employment Law, EU Law and Childcare Law.

I am a recent University of Limerick law graduate, obtaining a high second class honours degree. It is my aim to pursue a career in law and ultimately become a solicitor. I am currently working as a legal Intern for Eversheds based on secondment in the RTB. My passion for law flourished throughout the completion of the 8 month Co-operative education programme in the debt recovery department of Mason Hayes & Curran. From this experience I greatly enhanced my legal drafting skills as I was required to draft affidavits and civil bills on a daily basis. I have impressive legal researching skills which have been significantly developed by this experience.

My academic achievements and ability have been recognised to date. During my last semester of college I was offered a scholarship to attend a ‘Legal Immersion Programme’ in the renowned Sichuan University, China. During my time in Sichuan University I completed two law modules; ‘International Perspectives on Medical Law’ and ‘Case Law Active in Civil Law Japan’. Additionally, I was selected by my peers to present my final year (group) project on ‘The Formalities Surrounding the Construction of Wills’. As part of this project I also acted as ‘wills workshop’ facilitator where I was required to aid members of the public with their queries relating to all aspects of creating a will.

I am a versatile and hard-working self-starter which is evident through my past employments and academic achievements. Such a position within your practice can help me follow my career goals, yet I believe I will also contribute to your firm in keeping your clients satisfied by working diligently and industriously with other work colleagues. I believe that academic knowledge can only be broadened by experience. Therefore attaining such experience within your practice is an attractive prospect for myself. This position offers many benefits for myself as I seek to gain experience and view the practical side of law.

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

**Yours Faithfully,**

Roisin O’Brien