132 Roebuck Castle,

Clonskeagh,

Dublin 14.

28th October 2020.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to apply for a position on the Traineeship Programme with ByrneWallace. I graduated from University College Dublin in 2020 with a first-class honours BCL degree.

As you will see from my C.V. I have very strong academic credentials and I am involved in a wide variety of sporting activities. I am keen to secure a place on this prestigious programme as it would be the opportunity of a lifetime to train at such a renowned full-service firm like ByrneWallace. I believe I have the acumen, drive, and passion to excel as a trainee solicitor as part of the programme.

I chose to study law at university as I knew it would lead to a career which would allow me to work on significant and valuable projects. I feel ByrneWallace would be the ideal firm to do this, as the Trainee Programme encourages participants to be ambitious and push boundaries. The programme also has a proven track record of rewarding hard work which is very appealing to me.

I am extremely interested in employment law. ByrneWallace is renowned for being the leading employment law team in Ireland. The firm is the only top-ten Irish law firm accredited with the Lexcel International standard of excellence in practice management. The opportunity to train in a firm that could provide such a successful and dedicated department to an area of law which I am extremely passionate and interested in would be invaluable to me starting out my career as a solicitor.

I have previously worked as a Summer Intern at Comyn Kelleher Tobin being initially offered a 4-week contract. I was exposed to life in a busy law firm and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Subsequently I was asked to stay for the remainder of the summer and this I hope was as a result of my work ethic, professional approach, and enthusiasm. The Managing Partner at the firm sent me a very satisfying letter of recommendation following this work experience. I had also secured an internship with Mason Hayes Curran and a position on the Byrne Wallace summer internship programme for 2020 but due to Covid-19 these were postponed until 2021. I was extremely disappointed not to get the opportunity to work at ByrneWallace this summer, but I hope to get the chance to work at the firm as part of the trainee programme.

ByrneWallace is renowned for recruiting exceptional talent. I am confident that I would fit the ethos of the firm because I am a very outgoing and friendly person. I interact well with others. This is evident as I was elected class representative for the BCL stage 4 group in UCD for the 2019/2020 academic year. I am also comfortable taking initiative or being placed in a leadership capacity, for example, I was selected as vice-captain of UCD’s Fitzgibbon Cup hurling team for 2019. I have also proven I have the intellectual rigour required to excel in this programme as I achieved a first in my degree through hard work, dedication and aptitude.

I have attached a copy of my CV and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Rory Purcell.