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**Application for the ByrneWallace LLP Trainee Programme**

To whom it may concern,

I would like to apply for, and to affirm my keen interest in the ByrneWallace Trainee Programme. I am a hardworking, enthusiastic and adaptable individual, who is at the beginning of her legal career and wholly committed to developing and evolving, initially as a trainee, and eventually as a solicitor.

I graduated from University College Cork in 2023, with a degree in law, having completed numerous modules, that gave me a wide-ranging and varied legal foundation. I have just completed a master's in public international law from Utrecht University, where I specialised in studying human rights law, graduating Cum Laude. This sector has always represented a clear passion of mine, although the course allowed me to avail of a wide variety of more generalised legal modules, which gave me a broader understanding of legal practice that I can apply to a specifically Irish domestic perspective.

This master's aided in the crucial development of my communication and interpersonal skills, as I participated in various forms of group assignments, working in a co-operative manner as a team player, while being able to observe and learn from more professionally experienced academic partners. A more intense and compact academic schedule enabled me to advance my time-management and organisational skills, and to grow more comfortable with abiding by strict deadlines. Thus, this ensured I increased my competency in delicately balancing working with both a degree of urgency and with a meticulous attention to detail. This course also allowed for the evolution of my ability to work independently and upon my own initiative, to solve problems and reach solutions within my work.

Having just completed my first 2 FE1 exams, my priority for the future remains at domestic level, and I would hope to ideally begin my traineeship in 2026. The prospect of working at ByrneWallace represents a valuable opportunity to develop a broad spectrum of legal skills, which would be enabled via the diverse range of practice areas operated by the firm. The rotational structure employed by ByrneWallace, and the community-oriented and collaborative environment they cultivate, would grant a trainee an insightful, balanced and dynamic experience. I believe that any trainee, and not just me personally, would benefit greatly from a programme, that encourages and aids you in identifying your foremost legal area of interest.

Thank you for considering my application and I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours faithfully,  
Ruth Grace