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Cróna McLoughlin ByrneWallace 88 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2

**Re: Trainee Programme** 

Dear Ms. McLoughlin,

I would like to apply for the trainee position as advertised on the ByrneWallace website. I am an international student from Spain studying a Master in Intellectual Property and Information Technology at UCD and I hope to complete this Master in May 2019 with a 2:1 honour degree. Previously, I studied a Law Degree, a Master in Law and a Business Master at the University of Deusto. In addition, I am a qualified lawyer in Spain, after having passed the lawyer exam in February 2018.

I researched your website and your trainee programme, and what influenced me the most to apply to ByrneWallace is how seriously the trainees' education is taken. Educational culture, learning and development are fundamental values of ByrneWallace. This is a perfect opportunity to develop professionally and personally, reaching my full potential in a supportive environment and get as much experience as possible and be able to know different fields of law while working for high profile clients. Also, I believe that this law firm summarizes my work philosophy in relation to the values of respect, integrity and commitment, as well as with social life. In my opinion, in addition to being co-workers and working together, social life between people of the same company is really important. ByrneWallace promotes this by organizing activities and social events throughout the year, which gives you the opportunity to get to know your colleagues and establish good friendships.

For the past two years I have been combining study and work in two different law firms. During these internships, I had to communicate with clients from the first day, so I developed my communication skills and commercial awareness. I also had a lot of work and learned how to effectively balance multiple demands, as well as manage and organize my time efficiently. In addition, I have acquired writing skills, legal knowledge and commercial awareness.

I have played on a football team for thirteen years and for the last three years I was the captain. This made me progress in my leadership skills and I learned to treat people. I have been combining football with refereeing, where I had to be confident of my decisions that I had to take in a short period of time and have courage.

I hope I have demonstrated the drive commitment and enthusiasm for this trainee programme within ByrneWallace and I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely

Santiago Grijelmo