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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to apply for Trainee Solicitor Programme 2021 at ByrneWallace.

I am a law graduate (BCL) with a 2.1 Honours degree from UCD. Since completing my undergraduate degree in 2018 – I have successfully sat and passed all 8 FE-1 examinations. I am currently undertaking a Masters in Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law in Trinity College Dublin.

ByrneWallace has an exceptional reputation as one of the top, full service commercial law firms in Ireland. The firm prides itself in offering a top class legal service to their clients, advising over a broad range of core and specialist legal issues with the help of its top class professional associates and partners. ByrneWallace is also a member of the international law firm network group ALFA International with a strong EU wide and further international focus to their work. This is something that truly appeals to me, as it compliments and echoes my interests during my time studying at UCD. The strong sense of employee welfare is something that really stands out to me at ByrneWallace. The emphasis placed on the supportive culture of the firm is extremely attractive to me - as an aspiring trainee, eager to learn and grow in a nurturing environment, the possibility of having a mentor and a training solicitor to guide me through my journey towards qualifying is an immense pull factor towards ByrneWallace.

I feel that I have a great deal to offer to your firm. I am an avid reader and researchers and posses a love of learning. I am an effective communicator, an academically high achiever and a detail-orientated individual. I believe that I have the capacity to distill large volumes of complex information down to the key, cogent points and I am not afraid of hard work. I feel that from my past work experience within the hospitality sector and through some of my voluntary work with FLAC that I have experience working in client facing situations. In a career as a legal professional you are presented with client facing experiences from the get go. The ability to think on your feet and maintain a positive and respectful attitude is imperative for a solicitor. Additionally during my time in UCD, I became involved with the Students Union. From there I leaned the importance of being part of a unified and collaborative team. I feel that I am the kind of person who can get along with anyone and thrives in-group activities. Having had the opportunity to be a Class Representative for my law group and to sit on the Academic Council, a conglomerate of UCDSU during my final two years of University is something I look back at with fondness. I am currently in the running to become a Class Rep for my LLM Class in Trinity. I am really looking forward to seeing the outcome of this election hopefully becoming involved within the Students Union of TCD in this capacity.

I believe that I am a candidate with the ambition and disposition to become a top class lawyer. I believe that an opportunity to undergo training in a firm like ByrneWallace would be an excellent opportunity for me to prove myself as such.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Flanagan.