To whom it may concern,

My name is Sarah Loughran and I am writing to you in application for a position in the ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme. I learned of this programme through its exceptional reputation and it was also advertised my one of my lecturers, Sinéad Eaton of the University of Limerick. I am in my final year of studying Law Plus with a QCA of 3.32, which qualifies as a 1.1.

ByrneWallace was always going to be my first choice when applying for a traineeship in my final year. This is not only due to the full spectrum of services and variety of clients it would allow me to engage with, but also because of how personable its mentoring culture is. I believe it is vital to work in an environment where there is scope for further professional and self-development. This is clearly embedded in the culture of ByrneWallace, with the opportunity to complete rotations in four practice areas. The fact that so many partners began their careers in ByrneWallace is more evidence of the opportunities for career progression. I am passionate, driven and enthusiastic about pursuing a career in a top-tier law firm such as ByrneWallace. I have acquired a wide range of skills and knowledge from my work experiences and university that are set out in my curriculum vitae. My voracious hunger for knowledge and ability to manage time has been most evident in my decision to study an extra module in my final year, Company Law.

The sport and social aspect of ByrneWallace delivered through annual tag rugby, a trainee weekend away etc, demonstrates how the firm connects with one another as a team both inside and outside the office. Another aspect that I truly admire about ByrneWallace is their emphasis on corporate social responsibility through the Solas Project and their commitment to charity work, from breast cancer to Motor Neurone Disease. I would love the opportunity to engage in ground-breaking, high-profile work with clients that include leading corporations such as Averda Group, Nexvet and many more. From reading the trainee experiences on the website, I know that it must have an exceptional working environment, as everyone is so passionate about their roles within the firm. I would love nothing more than to be a part of it.

Aside from my academics and work experience, I have developed essential skills from my interests and extra-curricular activities. I am currently enrolled in Pankration Kickboxing Academy in Limerick. I initially joined as a mechanism for keeping fit. However, it has helped me develop a level of discipline and a drive for success that I believe will help me in my professional career. I am determined to keep challenging and pushing myself in the hope that one day I will train competitively. As a member of the UL Law Society, I actively take part in competitions and exercises hosted by them. I believe this has been indispensable in helping advance my lawyering skills, while also allowing me to build relationships with professors outside the lecture room. It has given me practical experience in communication, problem solving, teamwork and public speaking, all skills that are essential for a successful legal career. I recently registered to participate in the upcoming National Moot Court Competition taking place at the Criminal Courts of Justice, and look forward to building new relationships and further nurturing my public speaking skills.

I strongly feel I would bring hard work, ambition and enthusiasm to ByrneWallace. I hope that after reviewing my Curriculum Vitae and application, you will consider offering me the excellent Trainee Solicitor Programme which offers genuine future career opportunities. I have attached records of my academic results to date on the next page. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kindest Regards,

Sarah Loughran





