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Manager of the Trainee Programme,  
Byrne Wallace,  
88 Harcourt Street,  
Dublin 2.

RE: Trainee Programme Application

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am writing to you to consider my application for a position on the Byrne Wallace Trainee Programme. I am applying for this programme because it both my aim and intention to qualify as a solicitor, practicing commercial law, and Byrne Wallace is widely acknowledged as one of the best corporate law firms in Ireland. Having graduated from NUIG and completed two years gaining invaluable work experience in different firms, I feel that I am more than ready, both professionally and personally, to begin training as a corporate lawyer and begin making a concrete difference both to the firm and to clients.

In September 2017, I moved to Dublin and I have been gaining experience by working as a paralegal in multiple firms and undertaking multiple internships. I currently have passed 6 FE1 exams and I am sitting my final two in October 2019.

I have an excellent academic record and very strong legal writing and research skills. I am very eager to learn and love pushing the boundaries of my knowledge by asking questions and doing independent research. I am very commercially aware and am constantly looking ahead to see opportunities for both myself and others around me. Alongside possessing these key attributes, I consider myself to be a very genuine person who has many other interests outside of law. I am an avid sports fan and play any type of sport that I can. I love reading and travelling and I believe that the emphasis that Byrne Wallace puts on maintaining its status as one of the top firms in the country while also being an incredibly enjoyable and personable place to work is what has really drawn me to the firm. In the other firms that I have worked in I have tried to get involved in the firm's extracurricular activities as much as possible from helping (or hampering!) the tag rugby teams, to organising social events for other new paralegals or interns to get to know one another.

Balancing a strong work ethic with an extensive extracurricular schedule is of fundamental importance to me. From getting to know many people in Byrne Wallace, it is clear to me that the firm appreciates people who can balance working to the highest technical standards with sport and other extracurricular activities while never letting any of the balls drop, so to speak. I believe I am a great fit for Byrne Wallace, and it is a place that I could continue to develop both professionally and personally, achieving my full potential and becoming a valued member of the firm and ultimately qualifying as a commercial solicitor. I genuinely believe I possess the qualities necessary to become an excellent lawyer and become an asset to your firm.

Having gained experience by working in different types and sizes of law firms, it has become crystal clear to me that Byrne Wallace is the firm I want to train in and build my career in. I have seen first-hand how many Byrne Wallace partners began their careers as trainees in the firm and I believe that I too could emulate their success and rise through the ranks in the firm. Finally, I believe that were I be selected for a position on the Trainee Programme I am convinced that I would flourish and develop into an excellent commercial solicitor and benefit both the firm and clients alike.

With kind regards,

Senan Ross.