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To whom it may concern,

My name is Seonadh Twomey. I am a final year student in University College Dublin completing my Masters in Law. I am extremely keen to highlight my interest and suitability for the traineeship programme within your firm. I have a strong interest in corporate and commercial law, as seen from my previous traineeship and choice of Masters. From my research into your firm, ByrneWallace Solicitors focuses on a practical and thorough approach to challenges and building a relationship of understanding between client and firm. This mind-set of positive relationship building but also the individualism of ByrneWallace, drew me into the firm and was one of the primary reasons for applying. The diversity of ByrneWallace is distinct in the scope of prospects within your career and the wide range of practice areas. On a personal level, the recognition of ByrneWallace as one of Ireland's top merger and acquisitions (M&A) legal advisers in the **Experian MarketIQ UK and Republic of Ireland M&A Review 2017** andwell as the reputation of an international law firm, such factors were a major reason why ByrneWallace stood out to me as a firm.

My suitability for the ByrneWallace can be seen from my multifaceted education and diverse work experience. From an academic point of view, my undergraduate degree of Politics and History with a diploma of Social Justice has given me numerous transferable skills such as critical analysis, condensing information and developing my ability to form decisive, coherent arguments. From Politics, I have a wider appreciation for the separations of power and the dynamics of the law and political authorities. History has also allowed me to see the Irish common law, not through the lens of the law but also appreciating the socio-economic and public policy areas of law making and judicial reasoning. My Masters in Law has given me the opportunity to analyse the law and gain skills of legal qualitative research, looking at judgements and learning to form my own opinion or argument. From sitting my Fe1's examinations this October 2018, I have obtained a greater understanding of the law and also will have acquired a qualification that attains a closer position to my goal career path in corporate law. The achievement of sitting my first four Fe1’s while still completing my final year of my Masters; challenged me but also allowed me to effectively and efficiently balance my academic commitments.

In line with that, I have worked alongside my academic career from the leaving certificate to date. Having worked four to five days a week on top of my college course; I have gained the ability to deal with highly pressurised deadlines and juggle academic commitments as well as a social life. My dedication and work ethic was acquired and amplified during my undergraduate degree and now Masters.

My ability to remain calm and efficiently complete tasks within a team is evident from my work in UCD Residences as both a team player and leader. My ability to lead is seen from my supervisory role but with regard to team work, my work as a Residential Assistant is most relevant. From working with security and other RA's, I had to use innovation in dealing with unauthorised gatherings and inebriated students. There was delegation between RA's to allocate locations to cover, how and when to know to call for help and to equally manage to balance the workload between staff. The team performance as a whole, was able to achieve the security of students and maintain equal and cordial relationships.

More recently, working in retail in my current job in Golden Disc's Dundrum Shopping Centre, I've been exposed to an extremely taxing and pressurised environment with the last Saturday of the Christmas session generating €79,000 alone. With this in mind, the volumes of customers present in the store at a time is generally seen with only six or seven staff members on the floor. The needs of the customer demand quick and efficient communication between staff and sometimes managers to ensure customer satisfaction as well as the companies standards. The positive outcome of the team performance is seen in the quality relationships between staff members and customers alike.

I was also a committee member for the UCD Relay for Life, an event organised to raise for Cancer Research both for 2016 and 2017. 2016 was the year that I was most involved, as I was the primary organiser for the event called "The Candle of Hope Ceremony". It was a silent lap around the relay pitch for those lost to cancer, where we set out candle bags with individual names of them and had the survivors leading the group. I was the sole organiser for the choir, and delegated the other members on the day in order to have the event running smoothly. I worked with the team, and despite the sleep deprived environment of a twenty four hour relay, the event as a whole was a success.

In terms of personal interests, my main passion is for travel. I spent a summer inter-railing, along with the many weekend trips to wherever and whenever available. I managed to travel to nine European countries whilst inter-railing; with a close group of friends. Such interest in travel allowed me to go to so many incredible places and historical sites, and do such things as skydiving and cannoning to name a few. This level of independent travel led me to seek out a career that has the opportunity for international travel such as with ByrneWallace. On a smaller scale, my interests range from the UCD Lacrosse Team and sport on a general basis. I was captain of the UCD White's Team from 2016/17 and a dedicated committee member. I attend regular house debates of the L&H and LawSoc committees, and have begun to partake in mooting, the mock trials within UCD. I competed in the 2017 National Moot in the Central Criminal Courts. The opportunity to use my legal knowledge and have the chance to argue a case highlighted my interest in litigation and dispute resolution. I would be most proud by my endurance for such things as taking part in 10k “Run In the Dark” charity events which I participate on an annual basis and my participation in the 2016 Cycle to Galway in aid of Crumlin's Children's Hospital. We raised €15,000 for the hospital in that academic year alone.

I believe that I would be a strong candidate for then ByrneWallace traineeship Programme. Aside from having strong academics and extensive work experience, I have endeavoured to expand my skills in a number of ways, from college committee responsibilities to attempting the Fe1 examinations. I have worked on my teamwork and problem solving skills through group projects in university and by volunteering at the Student Legal Service. I have balanced my academic and work commitments effectively and efficiently throughout my college education. I will put in all my effort to get the most out of a traineeship and to be of service to whomever I may be working with, as this is an incredible and unique opportunity for me to put what I have been learning into practice.

I have also enclosed my CV. I would be extremely grateful to be given the opportunity to begin my career with at ByrneWallace Solicitors as a trainee and do not hesitate to let me know if you require anything else as part of my application.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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