To whom it may concern,

I am writing to apply for a training contract in Byrne Wallace as part of the 2022

intake. I am currently working in the funds industry whilst sitting my FE-1 exams, of which I

have passed six to date.

As outlined in my CV, I am currently working as an Associate in the Investor Operations

department of MUFG Investor Services. I started in this role last September,

having previously worked as a paralegal on the Legal Projects Management Team in A&L

Goodbody Solicitors until contract renewals were temporarily suspended due to the effects

of the COVID-19 pandemic. This has given me the opportunity to diversify my skillset. I feel

that my professional background working in both the finance and corporate law sectors, my

academic background and my genuine interest in the firm’s broad range of practice areas

make me an ideal candidate for a training contract with Byrne Wallace.

As part of my academic studies and professional experience, I have been exposed to a wide array of legal areas. Between undergraduate (LL.B.) and postgraduate (LL.M.) courses, I completed modules in Mergers and Acquisition, Data Protection Law, Child Law, Employment Law, Environmental Law, IT Law, Company Law and Property Law to name but a few. During my time at A&L Goodbody, I worked on significant volumes of property transactions at various stages. These experiences both academically and professionally have nurtured a genuine interest in these areas of law, robustly compatible with Byrne Wallace’s impressive breadth of practice. More broadly, from work with A&L Goodbody and MUFG Investor Services, I am experienced and comfortable in a corporate work environment, which would smooth my transition onto the Byrne Wallace team.

I am confident that Byrne Wallace is the ideal firm in which to pursue my training contract. From researching the firm and trainee programme, reading testimonials from previous and current trainees, following the cases and projects that the firm has been involved in over the years and talking to a previous staff member I have formed the opinion that Byrne Wallace is the perfect firm for me to develop, thrive and succeed as a trainee (and ultimately qualified) solicitor. I have come to this conclusion primarily due to the culture of the firm. In order to attract employees all leading firms boast about their culture and how it is important to them however what sets Byrne Wallace apart is that culture is not simply a buzzword. From talking to a previous employee, I know that the positive culture and atmosphere that Byrne Wallace boasts about is the reality of life in the office (or the kitchen table in these Covid-19 working times). The fact that employees feel valued from the moment they walk in the door and trainees are given real work and responsibility from an early stage is a testament to this culture and makes Byrne Wallace a truly dynamic and forward-thinking law firm well deserving of its excellent reputation.

I sincerely hope that the above merit my consideration for admission to a training contract

with Byrne Wallace. I would be more than happy to answer any follow-up questions.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Shane Richardson