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Dear Manager of the Trainee Program,

I am writing to you to express my interest in Byrne Wallace’s trainee program, and I would like to put my name forward to be considered for the role.

I graduated from the National University of Ireland, Galway with a Bachelor of Arts with Creative Writing degree in 2016. In 2017, I graduated from the LLB program with a 1.1 degree and ranked 3rd in my class. I was also adjudicated winner of the LK Shields Hugh Garvey Memorial Award, awarded to the student who achieves the highest marks in Intellectual Property Law.

Since doing so, I took on a position at LK Shields as a Paralegal in their Dublin office. My work consisted of preparing discovery for the Litigation and ADR department, training other paralegals, updating briefs and creating motion and pleadings booklets, attending court, scheduling documents, archiving, legal research, and assisting with data subject access requests and cease and desist letters for the ITIP department. I was nominated for our internal Service Excellence Award by an Associate Solicitor after helping to prepare all of his discovery for a recent trial.

I also have previous experience working in-house along-side Bio-Medical Research Ltd's legal counsel. While there, I carried out contract analyses and comparisons, built a contract database to schedule renewals and contract expirations, composed correspondences, carried out trademark research and built a report on my findings, and organized the hard-copy and electronic filing system.

In March of this year, I sat my first four FE1s and passed all of them. I continued to sit two more in October, and I am aiming to complete my exams in March in order to enter Blackhall in September 2019 – but I would consider 2020 for the right firm.

I am pursuing a training contract with Byrne Wallace because I have been motivated by a current trainee to do so. He speaks rather highly of the working environment, the people within the firm, and the responsibility he was entrusted to take on. I would like to work for a firm that recognizes what their employees have to offer and appreciates their hard work, and from what I have been told, Byrne Wallace does just that. I am also eager to gain experience in Data Protection and Intellectual Property Law – both of which are sectors the firm caters to.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application, and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kindest regards,

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