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Dear Ms McLoughlin,

I am writing to apply for a traineeship at ByrneWallace with a view to commencing PPC 1 in September 2018. I am a BCL and LLM graduate from University College Cork and I am currently sitting my FE-1 examinations.

I am applying to ByrneWallace primarily because of the firm's reputation of excellence in fields which really interest me, in particular the areas of corporate law and governance. I have always had an inclination toward business-oriented subjects. For my Leaving Certificate I studied and received an A2 in Business Studies, and throughout my undergraduate years in University, I studied both commercial and company law. This interest has formed the basis of my ambition to be a corporate lawyer. That said, I also am interested in other areas of law that ByrneWallace has to offer such as Child and Healthcare law, having studied these subjects in detail during my LLM.

I am impressed by ByrneWallace's reputation for comprehensively training its trainees, while giving them serious responsibilities. This kind of work-oriented approach to training certainly appeals to me, as I am glad of any opportunity to work as a useful part of a team, while being shown how to improve my ability to contribute. I admire the fact that ByrneWallace takes on a reasonable number of trainees every year, as I imagine a traineeship with ByrneWallace would be more focused and challenging as a result, compared to the traineeships offered in other large commercial firms.

I have chosen to pursue a career in law because I want a career that is both intellectually challenging and personally fulfilling. I am a highly motivated and determined individual with a strong work ethic which I believe is evident from my work history. I am currently working as a legal intern in MurphyLynam Solicitors since November 2016. I work closely with one partner and solicitor and enjoy a varied workload from each of them in the areas of property, probate and commercial law. The work is fast-paced and often challenging as new deals are always in progress. This experience has been invaluable in gaining exposure into the daily workings of a busy law firm. I feel that I thrive in this type of busy environment and find that dealing with clients on a day-to-day basis has greatly enhanced my client service skills. Moreover, maintaining this job while studying and successfully passing my FE-1 exams, require that I exhibit the kind of discipline and organisation which I believe could be put to good use at ByrneWallace.

Throughout my undergraduate years, I undertook several extra-curricular activities in which I demonstrated my ability to work in a team and exercise leadership skills. During my postgraduate year, I was elected Deputy- Editor in Chief for the fifteenth edition of Cork Online Law Review having previously served as a general editor for the fourteenth edition. It was my job to interview potential board members for this year's committee. Dealing with a large number of students and selecting suitable candidates for the law review required patience and the ability to deal effectively with others. The editorial role required me to read large quantities of submissions and assess the legal argument and ultimately determine those to be submitted to the final edition of the journal. The next stage of the editorial process involved editing the submissions in line with the Oxford University

Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA) guidelines, which required close attention to detail. My work in the law review often involved working late into the night with my colleagues to meet tight deadlines, demonstrating my commitment to meeting targets on time.

Please find enclosed my CV. I would, of course, be more than happy to answer any questions you should have. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Sinéad Harrington