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Ms. Sinéad Fox,

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**Reference: ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme**

Dear Ms. Fox,

I am writing to apply for the ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme which is advertised on the firm’s website and enclose a copy of my Curriculum Vitae as requested. I am a final year law student in University College Dublin am due to graduate in 2016. I am currently on a grade point average of 3.50 which equates to a high second class honour, grade one.

The reason why I would like to join ByrneWallace is because of its reputation, its broad range of practice areas, its wide variety of both national and international clients and its involvement in high profile legal work.

I would also like to join ByrneWallace because of the firm’s reputation and client base in the area of the law that I have a particular interest in which is healthcare law.

Another reason why I would like to join ByrneWallace is because of the firm’s excellent retention rate of trainees which reflects a high standard of training and also a working environment that is professional and friendly. As such, I believe that ByrneWallace is the best firm to nurture my strengths and help me to develop into the lawyer that I would like to be.

In terms of what I can bring to ByrneWallace, I have demonstrated that I am academically able by consistently achieving high grades and a high grade point average. I am a high achiever and enjoy learning, developing and applying new skills and I am constantly looking for ways in which I can further myself. For example, I intend to undertake a part-time Masters in Healthcare Ethics and Law in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland commencing in September 2016 as I have a particular interest in healthcare law. By the end of the programme I hope to possess a comprehensive knowledge of the current and possible future ethical and legal issues which arise in health care as well as leadership and expertise in the area of Healthcare Ethics and Law. In the future I will hope be able to contribute to ByrneWallace in advising clients from a legal point of view on complex, technical, challenging and sensitive medical issues.

During my Summers I have worked with both barristers and solicitors. These experiences have enabled me to observe both sides of the legal profession and provided me with an invaluable insight into the work of both barristers and solicitors. As result of these experiences I am certain that I wish to pursue a career as a solicitor.

My strong written and oral communication skills also make me an ideal candidate for the Trainee Solicitor Programme at ByrneWallace. These skills were further enhanced by my participation and

success in the Gael Linn Irish Language Debating Competition, my participation in the Cecil Lavery Moot Court Competition in University College Dublin and my involvement in other extra-curricular activities.

Overall I am a well-rounded person. Outside of my studies and work I am a keen sportsperson and I play Gaelic football for Ranelagh Gael GAA Club. I am also the holder of a GAA Coaching Certificate and am a volunteer Gaelic football coach at the Ranelagh Gaels Juvenile Academy. Many of the skills I have developed as a result of my sports and coaching activities are transferable skills such as teamwork, leadership, management and interpersonal skills. I am also a member of several University College Dublin societies including Student Legal Service and the society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you in advance for considering my application and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Sinéad Ní Raghallaigh.