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Re: Traineeship 2022

To whom it may concern,

By way of background, I am a recent graduate of UCD law, and it is my ambition to train as a solicitor when I complete my FE1 examinations. A traineeship at Byrne Wallace would open many doors to me and allow me to learn from experienced legal professionals to reach my full potential.

I have several varied work experiences, which will assist me in contributing to the work at Byrne Wallace. I am currently interning for a solicitor where I have observed different legal problems and solutions all while experiencing first-hand the work of a solicitor. Previously, I worked in a busy retail environment where I learnt the importance of teamwork and effective communication skills. This position was also excellent for my commercial awareness. Apart from retail (Brown Thomas and Debenhams), I have worked as both a domestic cleaner and child-minder, each teaching me responsibility and proactivity.

In 2019, I was a group leader to transition year students on a trip to Croatia. This trip reinforced to me the importance of volunteering and the impact of pro-bono work. My personal interests include both music and ballet. I play piano and am currently preparing for a performance diploma with the London College of Music. While I was away on Erasmus in Spain, I acted as a ballet teacher to a children's class. I also participated in the Vivian Lavan Moot Court Competition at UCD, which gave me an insight into advocacy and preparation of arguments.

Given my background, I think I am ideally suited to a traineeship at Byrne Wallace because I understand and am prepared for the hard work and dedication that is needed in order to become a successful lawyer. A traineeship at Byrne Wallace greatly appeals to me, as the environment in which I work is something that I value greatly. The strong emphasis the firm has on the work-life balance is something that I feel very strongly about as I believe having interests outside of work allows for my personal development to continue, which ultimately results in being more productive when at work. Byrne Wallace providing a Child Care law sector makes the firm stand out in comparison to others as my experience working and volunteering with children and teenagers has sparked an interest in this area and I feel training with Byrne Wallace would allow me to pursue this interest and gain a valuable

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insight. Byrne Wallace, even though a full service law firm, has retained some boutique elements and I feel I could receive broad and full traineeship here.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in reading my application.

Kind regards,

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