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**Re: Application for the Traineeship Programme**

Dear Sir/Madam,

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I wish to apply for a position on the Byrne Wallace Traineeship Programme.

I have just completed four years of Law Plus (Bachelor of Laws) in the University of Limerick for which I was awarded a 2.1 degree. I plan on sitting my first four FE1 examinations in the March 2017 sitting.

My college experience afforded me the opportunity study abroad and to gain invaluable practical work experience. In third year, I chose to go on Erasmus to Radboud University in The Netherlands, where I studied International and European Law at a Masters level. During my time in Nijmegen, I met many people from different countries, backgrounds, religions and nationalities. As a result, I not only learned to appreciate the differences between us all but I could also respect each new culture and tradition. Last year, as part of the Co-Operative Education Programme, I worked in Dillon Eustace for nine (9) months. I excelled at working as part of the team in what was often a high pressured environment and the experience enabled me to gain an understanding and appreciation of the standards of professionalism that is expected in a company such as Byrne Wallace. I am currently working as a Paralegal in McDowell Purcell on a busy team in the Public and Regulatory department. This experience has afforded me the opportunity to engage with an array of different people. As a result, I have become more confident that the work I am carrying out is of the highest standard.

In my spare time, I love to keep fit and active. I have competed in an array of team and individual sports including hockey, basketball, ballet and swimming. My experience volunteering for the Irish Water Safety Association at the age of 16 compelled me to have a sense of responsibility that other people my age had not. Furthermore, maintaining a part-time job during my college years has taught me the importance of being responsible and independent. I also love to travel. I have visited an array of beautiful cities all over the world and last summer I worked in Málaga as an au pair of two boys, aged six and ten. Art is a passion of mine, providing a creative outlet and welcomed escape from the stress of examinations. I am the proud recipient of a Gold Medal by the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts.

I firmly believe that a position on the Traineeship Programme would enable me to progress towards a professional legal career and allow me to apply my personality, qualifications and experience to a challenging and dynamic role. This is precisely the type of company I would like to work in and I genuinely believe that I would fit in well at Byrne Wallace as I possess the requisite skills, attributes and drive to excel in such an environment.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your time.

Yours sincerely,

Slaney Byrne