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Dear ByrneWallace,

I wish to apply to be considered for your Trainee Solicitor Programme for your Dublin firm. There are very many positive elements to the ByrneWallace Trainee Programme which I find enticing. Becoming part of the staff at ByrneWallace is certainly an ideal pathway in which I would like to endure.

There are various aspects to the firm which interest me. I believe that the Trainee Programme would be ideal for a law graduate like me. The core idea that ByrneWallace is built around people is something which I believe should be vital to a corporate firm. The core skills which I would develop at the Trainee Programme are skills in which I would be keen to develop, and which I believe are paramount to success. I am confident that your firm is dedicated to ensuring that all trainees feel welcome and capable of fully taking advantage of their time at ByrneWallace. I also highly appreciate the rotation process whereby trainees gain experience in each of the main practice areas. This is an invaluable opportunity for graduates, as they will gain an insight into many key components of life as a corporate solicitor.

I am a final year law student, in University College Dublin Sutherland School of Law, studying for a BCL in Law with Politics. Academically, I am strong, and am currently on track for a first class honours. I am a team player; having been elected twice for key representative positions in my secondary school, and having developed a comprehensive network of friends and colleagues in UCD. A highlight of my time at UCD has been becoming a Student Ambassador, through which I provide advice and tours to prospective students. I believe that communication is a clear priority when it comes to working with others, especially in my job as Student Ambassador. Throughout my time at university, I have really enjoyed studying law, and becoming a solicitor is definitely the career choice which I intend to follow. A job in a corporate firm is something which strongly appeals to me, due to the dynamic and central role of corporate law. I have strong enthusiasm for whatever tasks are handed to me, and I enjoy working in fast-paced, vibrant environments.

I have had previous work experience in a large financial firm, so I am somewhat familiar with a corporate environment. I have also had a strong interest in Business throughout my school and university years. During my time as a judge in the UCD Student Legal Service’s negotiation competition, I gained a first-hand insight into how corporate negotiation and teamwork operates. I believe that a corporate firm would provide me with the best opportunity to take full advantage of my skills and put them to practice. I believe that ByrneWallace is the most appealing firm to me, due to the large emphasis which is placed upon the diverse nature of corporate law. I am impressed by the role that companies such as ByrneWallace play in various fora on the national level. I have recently completed my Erasmus exchange in the University of Vienna. Throughout my studies of international law, the importance of a global approach to business has become apparent to me. The fact that ByrneWallace has a renowned national and international reputation really makes it stand out to me.

The law is ever-changing and ever-dynamic. I really appreciate the fact that ByrneWallace places emphasis and importance. I really appreciate the fact that ByrneWallace places emphasis and energy into modern-day challenges such as Brexit and the pursuit of renewable energy.

I would be pleased and honoured to be selected for your team, and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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