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## **Re: Trainee Solicitor Programme**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a fourth-year law student at Trinity College Dublin and I wish to apply for the ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme.

I would like to complete a trainee solicitor programme at ByrneWallace because the firm is at the forefront of Irish legal practice. As an aspiring solicitor, I would love to have the opportunity to be surrounded by leading solicitors and individuals with exceptional expertise and resources dealing with leading clients in their respective sectors. I wish to be part of this award-winning firm and to have the opportunity to learn from the very best.

I have wanted to study law since my second-year English teacher organised a mock court trial based on Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" whereby the protagonist Antonio stood on trial and I was his lawyer. After completing three years of law school, I have decided to pursue a career as a solicitor because of the dynamic, challenging and collaborative nature of the career. In particular, I have enjoyed studying employment law and would be eager to witness its ever-evolving practical applications. I am also attracted to its involvement with corporate litigation and the corporate exposure it provides most notably in due diligence undertaken as part of large commercial transactions. The fact that the ByrneWallace Employment Team is a dominant leader in this sector greatly influenced my decision to apply here.

I am a high achiever academically. Last year, I was awarded a first in my exams overall and this grade is 50% of my undergraduate degree. I hope to maintain and graduate with a first-class honour degree. I had obtained a summer internship at A&L Goodbody for July 2020 which was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, this summer I worked full-time in Emma E. Brennan Solicitors and successfully passed an FE1 exam in the law of the European Union.

I am an enthusiastic and friendly person and I have strong interpersonal and teamwork skills. I am passionate about GAA and I play on the senior ladies' team in my local club St. Faithleachs. I am the elected dance captain of Roscommon Musical Society and was chosen to be lead choreographer of the musical in my local secondary school in 2018 due to my involvement in with this society. The musical won an award for the "Best Musical Number" at the Bord Gáis Energy Student Theatre Awards, which had received over 2,600 applicants. I am an elected senior member of Trinity College's LawSoc Charity Committee 2019/20 and 2020/21. I also enjoy playing the piano and currently I am preparing to undertake my senior certificate piano diploma.

As a result, I have developed strong time-management and decision-making skills and I am a driven individual who thrives in a demanding environment. I often have had to balance my academic studies with having a part-time job and my commitments to these hobbies. As a result, I believe that I am suited to a training programme at ByrneWallace because I would have the ability to become completely immersed in a firm's culture and still be able to complete my tasks and duties to an impeccable standard.

In addition to ByrneWallace's distinguished legal reputation, I believe the firm's commitment to corporate social responsibility is particularly noteworthy and sets it apart from other top-tier law firms. Their involvement with providing work placements to young men and women from St. John of God Foundation and the Solas Project foster a genuine and friendly environment that I would love to be a part of.

The ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme is renowned for its legal excellence and its ability to cultivate well-rounded and accomplished solicitors. I would be honoured to be offered the opportunity to train there.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara McCormack". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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