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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to submit herewith my curriculum vitae (CV) to apply for your traineeship programme with your firm, ByrneWallace. As I did not study law as an undergraduate degree I have gained a different but vital set of skills compared to the traditional candidate. I studied Art History and Sociology in Trinity College. These subjects have taught me to become very meticulous with details, learning to decode and deconstruct important visual or verbal information. ByrneWallace is well established as a leading corporate law firm and is seen by many as one of the most successful and skilled firms in Ireland. I believe working with your firm will provide me with the highest quality training and development available in this country, helping me reach my goal of becoming a leading corporate lawyer.

I achieved a 2.1 in my final year dissertation. My dissertation was a sociological approach to the representation of the female nude within Brothel Scenes c1880’s- 1930’s. It analysed three artists over different time periods and how they chose to depict the female nude artistically. Finally, the works were then looked at through a sociological lens and the impact these art works had on the viewer looking at them.

Early on in my academic studies I was informed I had dyslexia, which one would think is a hardship, however, it has provided me with a new set of skills. This challenge has given me the opportunity to become a detail orientated person. I had to account for my reading difficulties at a young age by working harder than my peers. My potential to reach a certain level was not curtailed, the only alteration was the increase in difficulty. Through hard work and persistence, I have honed my skills to gather and process information. Looking at my peer’s readings skills while I was young, I knew there was a difference. Knowing this I set about reading as many books as I could lay my hands on, so as to improve vocabulary and verbal skills. It has now become my most favourite past time. The legal profession requires a precision and thoroughness to ensure proper judicial procedure is followed. This challenge has transpired as an opportunity, as today I would describe myself as a bona fide perfectionist. This experience will stand me in good stead when facing the challenges of my traineeship.

While attending Trinity College I became involved with the University Philosophical society. I undertook many responsibilities while coordinating with my fellow council members. I also improved my oration skills through weekly debates and panel discussions with the likes of Nobel Laurate such Eric Makin and Astronaut Chris Hadfield. As you will garner from my CV I can bring a number of qualities and strengths to ByrneWallace that will contribute to the firm. Being involved in this society, I learnt a lot about group communication while working alongside a team but also with interacting with guests and members. Debating and discussion of socially discursive issues are one of my favourite past times, and I am still involved in the society. I developed my public speaking and debating skills which I have found to be a valuable asset in improving my self-confidence and which will undoubtedly help me to excel in my career in Law.

I also was the Art History Editor of the Histories and Humanities Journal in Trinity for three years. This is a student-run academic journal that provides an opportunity for students to display their essays on History, Art History, Archaeology and Classics in a high-quality publication. I was responsible for selecting and editing Art History submissions.

I believe that ByrneWallace can provide me with the opportunity to work in an environment where quality processes and procedures are implemented as standard, and taught from the outset. ByrneWallace is one of the fastest growing firms in the country, and I would relish the opportunity to add to this. I believe that I have the skills and qualities to be a valuable asset to your firm due to my past experience as seen in my CV which is attached. I know ByrneWallace will give my application its due consideration and I would certainly look forward to an invitation to take part an interview for your traineeship programme.

Your Sincerely,

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