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Trainee Solicitor Candidate 2023

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Dear Ms. Emily Murray,

I am applying for a 2023 Training Contract with ByrneWallace. I am a Final Year Law Student in Trinity College Dublin, academically ranked in the top ten of my class of ninety-eight. I will be finished my studies in May 2022, and I am committed to sitting the FE-1 examinations in 2022.

Being a part of my family business in Canada motivated me to pursue a career in a global business environment. I am drawn to the versatility of a career in corporate law. I have developed a better understanding of the role of a corporate solicitor through interning across a broad range of sectors. My experience includes finance and banking with Dechert, conveyancing with OCWM Law and insurance with Kennedys. I am a strong fit for the ByrneWallace team because of my enthusiasm to learn and my ability to adapt to new environments.

I was inspired by how strongly ByrneWallace's culture and values came through to me while listening to the team deliver the Trainee Insights Webinar. The collegiality between the people at ByrneWallace was clear. Shane Divilly's comments regarding his experience of movement and mentorship throughout the firm, suggests that the opportunity is available for me to gain a rounded traineeship. I have observed the growth of ByrneWallace's commercial work in the fields of digitization and sustainability. In particular, learning about the new Infrastructure, Construction and Energy practice area, differentiates ByrneWallace as a firm that is responsive to the world around me. This is important to me as a Junior Analyst in the Trinity Student Management Fund.

From listening to Christopher Wood's insights, I suggest that I am a strong fit with the firm's collaborative and inclusive culture. The firm's partnership with Saint John of God differentiates ByrneWallace as a firm with a strong social impact agenda. As a volunteer tutor with the Voluntary Tuition Programme, ByrneWallace's commitment to educational empowerment resonates with me. I observed from the Webinar that you're seeking a candidate who exhibits initiative, organisation skills and an ability to prioritise work. As you will see from my attached CV, I have developed these skills through sub-editing the Trinity Business Review, volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul Foodbank initiative and as a Commercial Law class Co-representative. I am looking to further develop and learn new skills with ByrneWallace.

I believe I could ultimately make a significant contribution to the team at ByrneWallace.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Victoria O'Connor