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To Ms. Ciara Loftus,

My name is Dervla Ganly and I am a final year student pursuing Law at the University of Limerick. I am on track to graduate with a First Class Honours from Law Plus with Sociology. I am eager to continue my legal journey and sit my first set of FE1s this coming autumn.

I always had an infatuation with the law. My dad was a Garda Sergeant and a number of other family members are also members of An Garda Síochána. I completed a work experience with the Garda National Immigration Bureau (Human Trafficking and Investigation Unit) in Transition Year of school, as well as work experience with a local solicitor. Despite my family's best efforts, the solicitor route far more appealed to me.

I am interested in a career in corporate law because I thrive off challenging myself intellectually. I am curious and creative and strongly believe I would find fulfilment in contributing to the biggest deals and cases. I have always enjoyed problem-solving, from maths in school, to figuring out the work of a tax advisor, to being faced with law exams in university. I would not shy away from the hard work required to provide legal advice on business transactions.

I would be delighted to be offered the opportunity to get my foot in the door at one of Ireland's top law firms and put my skills and experience to the test to secure a traineeship. I will apply myself to my fullest ability to any training and projects required of me if offered the summer internship. I have developed my research skills in previous roles of legal intern and tax intern and continue to do so as I carry out a final year research project on the constitutionality of pre-nuptial agreements in Ireland.

I am not only hard-working, but I am efficient. I undertook a part-time job in Fields the Jeweller at the beginning of my final year and am able to manage work with study and assignments.

I am confident in my knowledge and ability to navigate the legal sphere and believe I would fit in at ByrneWallace LLP and with its mission to deliver the highest level of service to your clients. I am humble and ready to learn from my colleagues and take on any advice and criticisms which will help me reach my full potential.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Dervla Ganly.