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To whom it concerns,

I wish to apply for the position recently advertised. I am currently a third year Law student at Trinity College Dublin, determined to pursue a career in law. While the global pandemic has provided me with a unique, and somewhat unexpected, college experience so far, this has equipped me with skills and resilience which will enhance my future legal career.

Having decided to pursue law during Transition Year, I was delighted to obtain a place on my dream course through hard work, perseverance, and the Higher Education Access Route (HEAR) scheme. Here, I achieve consistently strong results, in particular achieving a first-class honours in Contract law which is a vital aspect of your business portfolio. At the end of my first year of college, I was awarded the title of “Making Links Scholar” with Linklaters LLP. As part of the scholarship, I had one-to-one coaching, attended commercial awareness webinars, and gained invaluable practical experience. While it was challenging to join a new team virtually, I learned from being out of my comfort zone, and improved my teamwork, communication, and presentation skills. Importantly, this opportunity confirmed my interest in a legal career, and subsequently I completed an internship with Maples Group in the Finance Department. As part of this, I drafted documents and attended client meetings, which allowed me to gain an insight into the role of a solicitor.

While my scholarship experience, internship and college course have cemented my interest in training as a solicitor, my work in customer settings has provided me with skills which are essential to that career. Last summer, as a HR Assistant at the Muiriosa Foundation, I honed my attention to detail and drafting skills by updating and managing over 2,000 files. While working at Dunnes Stores, I learned how to interact professionally with customers, managing money and organising products- which will undoubtedly assist me when helping clients.

In addition, to my academic and work commitments, I have a keen interest in dance, having trained since the age of five. It has been a huge stress reliever over the years. As an active member of Trinity Law Society Charities Committee, I helped create innovative strategies for fundraising which culminated in raising over €12,000 for Women’s Aid. This year I am pursuing being a TAP ambassador and helping those who are in the position I once was, this will involve giving talks and tours about my course.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Cullen.