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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am in my final year of my Bachelor of Civil Law with French Law degree in University College Dublin and am applying for the Byrne Wallace traineeship programme as I think this would be the correct fit for me.

I am particularly interested in your firm as there is room to grow and excel given it is more newly established. I have a strong work ethic and have prior experience working in O'Leary Maher Law Firm, so I would hit the ground running and be an asset to the Byrne Wallace team.

The fact that your firm has an international client base and has both International and International/EU Trade practice areas, is initially very attractive. Having studied Irish Law and French Law and spending an academic year living in France, I often have a different perspective on legal issues. I have vast experience of the civil law legal systems compared with other undergraduate students. This is applicable in the workplace when working with colleagues located in different countries and working for international clients, as I am more able to understand their perspective on the law.

I also have an interest in moving or travelling for work. Therefore, working for a firm with an international department is attractive and will further motivate me.

The huge range of practice areas available at Byrne Wallace would create many intellectual challenges, which I believe would stimulate me and allow for career development. Such a career will also allow the opportunity to create long lasting working relationships with clients.

While I expect this will be a demanding environment, I also believe that it will be very rewarding for a candidate like myself who works hard, is self-motivated and strives for personal excellence. Having worked in 2 small firms last year I gained lots of invaluable legal experience, however, I would prefer to work in more challenging, diverse and fast paced environment.

During my time working in retail and hospitality I have developed a keen sense of commercial awareness and understand what drives a successful business. I would like to work in corporate law because, not only can I develop my skills as a lawyer, I can also use my retail background in order to create and maintain solid relationships with clients.

Through my roles with the UCD Student Legal Service, and my captaincy of the UCD Water Polo team, I have honed my organisational skills and complete all tasks with a high degree of precision and attention to detail.

If successful, I will rise to any challenge I am set and complete all work to a high standard. I will be committed to the firm and make your goals my own.

Thank you for taking the time to review my application, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

Éimear Dowling