Dear Sir/Madam,

I am applying for a traineeship at Byrne Wallace as I believe that this law firm is not only a great fit for me, but that I am also an excellent fit for the firm. Having been to the webinar on traineeships and carried out research into the firm, I think that Byrne Wallace is an excellent choice for a traineeship as it is one of the top firms in Ireland. I am particularly impressed by the awards won by Byrne Wallace such as receiving the accolade **‘**Top Legal Advisor to Public Sector 2019’ by Public Sector Magazine. I would love the opportunity to be a part of such an impressive organisation and I hope that a traineeship will be the beginning of a longer journey with Byrne Wallace.

I think that Byrne Wallace is the perfect environment to grow and learn new skills. I am very passionate about the law and after having completed research projects for FLAC I found that my interest in the law has expanded through the academic realm. My interest has been further expanded since being asked by a professor in the University of Bologna to contribute a chapter to a book on the ‘Ideal Victim’. I enjoy the challenges involved in research and academia but would relish the opportunity of experiencing the practical realities of law in a leading firm in Ireland. I like to continuously challenge myself and believe that a traineeship at Byrne Wallace will both allow me to develop my legal skills whilst at the same time push me to achieve the highest possible standards.

I would be a good fit for Byrne Wallace as my personal integrity and commitment come from my passion and interest in the law. I chose to study law as I knew it would be something in which I could be challenged, where I could work with people, and would meet my ambitions for a successful, challenging career. For this reason, if chosen as a Byrne Wallace trainee I will show diligence and determination in everything I do and everything that is required of me.

Having been elected class representative this year I have acquired several skills which are essential in the field of law. During my training for this position I participated in workshops which focused on skills such as organisation, problem solving and communication. In my short tenure I have successfully engaged with the law school and Student Council to bring about changes and I have progressed the concerns of fellow students. Along side this, I have organised online events to ensure the social aspect of college can still be carried out during the corona-virus pandemic.

During my work experiences I always acted with integrity and strived to go above and beyond what was expected. In my work as an English teacher and gymnastics coach I care for both the clients and the wellbeing of the business. I go out of my way to be prepared before classes and to ensure that I give the best service possible by knowing the individual interests and goals of clients. I act in this way i because I am passionate about what I do and take pride in delivering an excellent service. I believe if you are committed to something it is always worthwhile doing it to the best of your ability.

I believe I will be a great asset towards the firm because I am a good team player. Having played rugby since the age of thirteen I understand the importance of clear communication and working collaboratively. It is important to respect and value others and cooperate to achieve the best result for the team. I found whilst working in a methadone clinic, that I was often met with hostility and suspicion from patients as I was tasked with gathering sensitive personal details. This experience allowed me to develop my personal and communication skills and to adapt my communication style to a unique situation. I think these qualities of being a team player and striving for the satisfaction of the client makes me a great candidate for Byrne Wallace.

Yours sincerely,

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