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Head of the Trainee Development Programme Byrne Wallace 88 Harcourt Street Dublin 2

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To whom it may concern,

As a student who has recently completed the reputable MADIC/MCBL double masters as well as the BCL/Maitrise degree, combining the study of European and International law in Germany, Australia and France; I wish to be considered for a traineeship with Byrne Wallace in 2018.

I have always been passionate about comparative law in business. The unique, dual nature of the BCL/Maitrise degree, studying common law in Ireland for two years and civil law in France for three, allowed me to experience the two legal systems first hand. I then continued my study of comparative law with my Masters experiencing their involvement in other countries.

Between September and December last year I worked for Mason, Hayes and Curran as a Legal Assistant; gaining valuable experience working in a large, rapidly growing law firm in Ireland. I worked with a mix of Partners, Associates and Solicitors with a high level of involvement in several projects at once. I also developed excellent administration skills and a knowledge of Irish law at a practical level.

I believe that in an increasingly globalised legal environment it is vital to be able to reconcile international legal situations, often involving many jurisdictions, with Irish law. My academic training, fluency in two of Europe's main languages of law and my work experience position me to play a lead role in making sure that Byrne Wallace will achieve and exceed its objectives of providing legal advice to a diverse range of clients. I am energised by the prospects of completing a traineeship with your firm and am really looking forward to adding value to the objectives of Byrne Wallace.

Please take time to consider my application, and I would welcome an opportunity to discuss what I can deliver for Byrne Wallace.

Sincerely, Aoife ONeill