To whom it may concern,

My name is Calvin O’Beirne. I’m 27 years old and wish to apply for a trainee position with ByrneWallace. I have a broad array of interests falling mainly into 3 categories: Physical, intellectual and academic.

**Physical**

Having been overweight most of my life (peaking at 294 lbs at age 15) I decided to regain control of my body. This led to me losing 9 stone throughout 2010. Subsequent to this, issues began to arise regarding my mental health, particularly with anxiety and depression. This led to me developing a keen interest in long distance running. I trained for 10 months and, despite professional advice that I wasn't adequately prepared, completed the Clontarf half marathon, the Dublin Half Marathon and the full Dublin Marathon throughout 2017. Subsequently, I completed the Dublin Marathon in 2018 also.

**Intellectual**

Having a keen interest in high-range IQ tests, I decided to do the entrance test for the global High-IQ society Mensa. In 2019 I qualified and am currently a member. I also actively read about/complete untimed IQ tests from academics such as Paul Cooijmans.

**Academic**

As reflected in my leaving certificate grades (except physics wherein I achieved an A2), I was not particularly studious in secondary school, mostly due to the school itself being a cesspool for bullying (of which I was greatly subjected to) and having no real direction. Having sought therapy for my anxiety and depression, I was introduced to the world of law which, unbeknownst to me, I had a great love for. It perfectly complimented my strong, natural sense of justice.

Suffering another bout of depression in my first year of DBS, I pulled myself out of a rut by fixating on my goal - to achieve a first-class honours degree. As this was something that was said to be rare and hard to obtain, I knew it'd be a perfect goal for me as, once I set my mind on something, I'm determined to reach it. This resulted in me achieving a 1st class honours LLB. Additionally, my 2 theses that I completed for my final year have been recommended for publication (Informed consent in medical negligence and International Space Law, respectively). In need of another goal, I’m also currently doing my LLM in Dublin City University (remotely) which will be completed in 2021. The modules taken in my LLM are:

* Legal and socio-legal research skills.
* Public law and political philosophy.
* European employment law.
* Contemporary legal issues in commercial practice.
* Medical law and bioethics
* Policing and society

In light of my educational background and natural drive, I feel I could bring a great deal of support to your firm. Conversely, I feel like ByrneWallace could help me grow personally and professionally by allowing me to learn from some of the top experts in law.

For these reasons, I would greatly appreciate if you would consider my application.

Thank you and kind regards, Calvin O’Beirne