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To whom it may concern,

My name is Ciara Walsh. I am 24 years old and I am a graduate from University College Dublin. I achieved a 1:1 in Law and Social Justice (BCL). As a graduate of Law and Social Justice, I believe I have a perspective which is unique to those who study this course. The two subjects are extremely compatible, and I now have a broad outlook in relation to legal decisions and the impact they have on both individuals and the wider world.

Byrne Wallace appeals to me as a firm due to the wide range of practice areas. As someone who has interest in a few fields, it is extremely important to me that I can expose myself to as many different areas as possible, to find what I am most passionate about. Further, as a firm with a reputation as a leading firm in Ireland, larger clients are attracted to the firm, often with more complex or larger scale issues. This is the type of work I want to be involved in as I embark my career, as it will both challenge me and push me to be better. Byrne Wallace's commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility, as a graduate of Law and Social Justice, greatly appeals to both sides of my degree. I like the fact that the firm places the volunteerism and charity work within the community of the firm, almost as if to form part of the firm's culture. That is the type of firm I want to align myself with, as they reflect my values.

I have many skills which would assist me in my future career as a solicitor. I am a hard-working individual. I am a strong communicator and due to my experience in retail, very comfortable interacting with individuals face to face. I have no problems asking for assistance if I am not sure of something, and thrive off learning new things and developing new skills. I have good research, analytical and critical thinking skills, which I have developed through undertaking numerous college assignments over my four year degree, most notably in my 7,000 word essay on the Equal Status Acts 2000-2018. I have worked as part of a team for several years, and also have played team sports (basketball (UCD), GAA) all my life which have further solidified my teamwork and collaborative skills.

I currently work as a Legal Executive in Dominic Dowling LLP Solicitors. The time here has been crucial in understanding how a law firm operates in practice, and providing me with the practical knowledge needed to work in a legal environment. I have been exposed to a variety of issues and areas of law. I have no doubt that what I have learned in the last year will be invaluable to me as I continue on my legal career.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,  
Ciara Walsh