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Dear Recruitment Manager,

I wish to apply to Byrne Wallace's Trainee Solicitor Programme, commencing in 2025. The prospect of working in an open and engaging environment whilst obtaining hands-on experience at an early stage in my career through rotations in multiple areas of practice is a significant factor in my decision to apply. I am confident that my work ethic, qualifications and specific skill set align with the goals of this Programme.

After graduating first in my course instance at University of Galway with a Bachelor of Civil Law (International), I was keen to apply my theoretical legal knowledge in a practical setting. Through my paralegal and legal executive roles, I have gained invaluable experience across sectors including general and commercial litigation, conveyancing, probate and public and regulatory law. Further to my experience with regulatory bodies in respect of the healthcare and planning bodies, I am eager to broaden my knowledge in the public and regulatory law sector. As one of Byrne Wallace's areas of expertise, it would be an exciting prospect to learn from an esteemed team of experts and navigate the intricacies of regulatory protection. In addition, I am interested in gaining practical insight into rapidly advancing areas of law, such as data privacy and data protection.

Byrne Wallace's Trainee Solicitor Programme is particularly attractive due to the firm's commitment to comprehensive training and professional development through its mentoring scheme. It is an attractive proposition knowing that I would be supported throughout the Programme and encouraged to learn from leading solicitors and support staff across a multitude of fascinating sectors during the course of my traineeship and thereafter in my professional career.

Additionally, the cross-jurisdictional aspect of business transactions in Byrne Wallace is appealing. Through my comparative law studies during my summer scholarship programme in TU Munich, as well as my ERASMUS experience in Würzburg, Germany, I have gained significant insights into various legal and commercial structures through liaising with professors and students alike. These experiences alongside my teaching position post-graduation in Heidelberg, Germany allowed me to broaden my global network, adding to the versatility of my legal knowledge.

I am confident that my academic achievements compounded by my practical experience make me a strong candidate for this Programme. I greatly appreciate your consideration in viewing my application.

Yours sincerely,

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