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Dear Ms. Loftus,

My name is Claire Barry, and I am a recent Law and German graduate from Trinity College Dublin. I am interested in applying for your Trainee Programme.

An anecdote I like to draw on when asked why I want to pursue a career in law flashes back to career aptitude tests in Transition Year. While still struggling to understand the elusive concept of a “career”, I completed the assigned aptitude test and was fairly baffled to be presented with the information that I would make a brilliant airline pilot. Needless to say, this was not a career that, neither at the time, nor since, has overly appealed to me. I quickly dismissed the idea of aptitude tests, ignoring their recommendations to become a pilot. Interestingly however, over time, I have come to better understand the reasons it thought I would be a great pilot, it was pushing me towards a career in an area that was dynamic, versatile, engaging, and challenging. Although very different from flying a plane, working in Byrne Wallace is similarly dynamic, fast-paced, challenging, and rewarding and thus drives my motivation to work there.

The culture promoted at Byrne Wallace highly appeals to me. The focus on progressive forward-thinking and excellence pinpoints the dynamic and challenging nature of the firm and drives my desire to work there. The training programme advanced by the firm, with direct hands-on experience and guidance from a partner across the diverse range of practice areas in the firm, is also highly appealing, as it speaks to a culture of support and guidance, while also allowing the opportunity to work with and alongside the solicitors at the firm, not merely for them. The emphasis on personal development and corporate social responsibility further showcases the firm as an exceptional place to work and fuels my motivation to work there.

I believe I would make an ideal addition to the Trainee Programme. My academic record to date proves my intellectual capacity as well as an ability to develop strong business acumen. Past volunteering, work, and team sports experiences attest to by capability to work effectively and excel as part of a team of multi-faceted individuals. These experiences, most particularly leading at a volunteer organisation, also helped develop strong organisational and time management skills, further honed through my degree programme. Experience working in a law firm has provided me with insights into how to manage relationships with my colleagues on both a professional and personal level.

Moreover, I am highly committed to working at the highest standard and possess the drive to succeed at reaching and operating at this level.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Claire Barry