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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a Business and Law graduate from University College Dublin, 2017. I would like to apply for a position on your Trainee Solicitor Programme 2019. I firmly believe that I am a highly suitable applicant and moreover, that training in Byrne Wallace under the guidance of solicitors of the highest calibre would shape me in to the great solicitor I aspire to be.

My interests mainly lie in banking and finance industries, so I’m really impressed by the firm’s 2017 awards in these areas and I’m determined to learn and grow as a part of these teams. However, I’m highly adaptable and eager to learn and I’m more than open to gaining experience in any and all of the vast areas of law serviced by Byrne Wallace.

I’m chasing a career in law because I thoroughly enjoy the complexity and diversity of the work and the constant scope to develop and learn more as society develops and the needs of businesses evolve. The satisfaction of solving these complexities, using the law to facilitate transactions and protect businesses’ interests, helping them to grow and continue to positively disrupt their industry and drive the economy is what I strive to achieve.

I value hard-work, organisation and ambition. I have a proven ability not only to excel within but also to lead a team. I am aware that the role of a solicitor in such a fast-paced firm requires sacrifice, determination, discipline, diligence, organisation and an ability to strive under pressure. My vast experience in overcoming high-pressure situations on the football pitch, behind the bar on the running track and in the classroom, mean that I have the attributes necessary to be a valuable asset to your firm. Also, I have a high level of commercial awareness on account of my business degree and I understand the importance of an excellent, personal and professional service from many years working in an upmarket rural hotel resort.

I want to join Byrne Wallace for a myriad of reasons. I love how the firm embraces technology and is determined to remain at the forefront of the changing face of legal issues in Ireland. The firm’s expertise in Fintech, cybercrime and data security is exciting as these are some of the most uncertain and revolutionary areas of law which are still developing and are something I’m eager to develop an expertise in.

Emphasis on strong teamwork and high levels of skill and expertise is also evident. As a leading Irish Law Firm, it has an immense reputation for allowing employees room to grow personally and professionally and employees at the UCD careers fairs always spoke highly of the programme.

I want to be challenged in a constructively under the guidance of the leading professionals in their field. I want to join your team and gather the necessary tools and experiences to evolve into the best solicitor I can be. If given the opportunity, I will not be satisfied merely to fulfil my training at Byrne Wallace, but I believe that I have what it takes to become a partner of the future at this firm.

I extend my thanks in advance for taking the time to consider my application. I greatly look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

*Conor Bates*