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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to highlight my interest in becoming a Byrne Wallace trainee. My reasoning for applying to this law firm is that it is renowned worldwide in various legal fields, such as: banking, financial regulation, asset management, intellectual property and dispute resolution. I am extremely interested in these fields and in the opportunity to learn and shadow some of the most prominent lawyers that Europe has to offer.

I have recently graduated from DCU with an upper-class II.I honours degree in Law and Society, averaging 67% in my final year. During my time in DCU, I had the opportunity to study modules such as: intellectual property, contract law, property law and dispute resolution. I achieved an overall mark of 72% in my law and dispute resolution module. This module gave me an insight into how valuable and effective alternative dispute resolutions can be. I am interested in disputes surrounding: financial crime and regulation, intellectual property, aviation and sporting disputes. I also have moot court and *voir dire* experience which has granted me increased confidence in articulating and drafting legal arguments, as well as enhancing my legal research skills.

I am an ambitious, innovative and hard-working individual that strives in team environments. In my final year of college, I was in several group assignments which improved my communication skills and allowed me to lead by example. My objective in life is to reach my pinnacle and to make a difference in Ireland. I am currently undertaking an LLM in Trinity College Dublin to further my legal knowledge. My modules include: international aviation law, EU financial services law, regulation of alternative investment funds, data protection law, mergers and acquisitions and the digital society. I believe that by studying these modules, I will have an increased legal understanding of topics such as: private equity funds, hedge funds, financial regulation in the EU, legislation governing international aviation law and much more.

I am excited about the possibility of being accepted into this renowned programme and being able to grow and develop in this firm's environment, where trainees are given responsibility from the very beginning. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Craig Behan