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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to highlight my interest in becoming a trainee solicitor at Byrne Wallace. I have recently completed an LLM master's degree from Trinity College Dublin and I am due to graduate this coming November. In the interim, I am preparing for my first four FE1 examinations this coming October.

Byrne Wallace was one of the most prominent firms that stuck out to me in my undergraduate degree, and I always visualised myself working my way up the corporate ladder at Byrne Wallace in the hopes of one day becoming managing partner in this great firm.

I believe that I am an ideal candidate for this role as I have exhibited a commitment to a career in commercial law by undergoing a master's degree in law and expanding my competencies in various commercial and financial regulation modules. My experiences in DCU and Trinity College has strengthened my analytical and communication skills, through moot court and voir dire scenarios which heavily influenced my decision to become a prospective solicitor.

My reasoning behind applying to Byrne Wallace is due to the firms environment of supporting trainees in their professional and personal development. The firm fosters a culture of helping their trainees become the solicitors and partners of the future, and this is exactly the kind of environment that I believe I can reach my pinnacle in. I am also conscious of the firms growth in the last few years, as apparent through the firm winning law firm of the year in 2016. Byrne Wallace is a firm that has the potential to become the biggest in Ireland and it is my ambition to become a part of this firms future.

The litigation department at Byrne Wallace was one of the influencing factors behind my decision to apply. In my final year in DCU, I achieved the highest result in Law and Dispute Resolution with a grade of 72%. The module covered topics such as mediation and the Arbitration Act 2010. This experience conveyed a glimpse of the sector which I am eager to find my niche in. I am a competitive, analytical thinker that always strives for self-perfection. I am also conscious of the utility of maintaining positive client relationships, and this is a skill that I have acquired through working part-time in the hospitality sector. I believe that my interpersonal skills and my energetic, enthusiastic nature make me an asset employee in the making.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope that I am successful in my endeavours and that we speak in the immediate future.

Sincerely,
Craig Behan