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Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this cover letter reaches you well.

My name is Craig Behan and I have wanted to join Byrne Wallace since I began studying law at undergraduate level. I am writing to you today to apply for your Trainee Solicitor Programme. I have two Fe-1 exams successfully passed and I aim to fully complete all exams by March 2021. I am a DCU and Trinity college law graduate and I achieved an honours 2.1 in both my BCL and LLM degrees. I was also a finalist in the former Chief Justice Susan Denham Fellowship, and my experience conveyed to me that I wanted to establish my niche within litigation and dispute resolution.

I was drawn towards applying to Byrne Wallace due to the diverse range of legal services provided to clients and institutions, the firm's strong focus on trainee and intern development, and also because I would like to qualify as a solicitor under the leadership and training of a firm that has international exposure. The opportunity to work on legal cases surrounding dynamic areas such as aviation, financial regulation, data protection, medical law, and commercial litigation exemplifies the diverse range of work interns can be given exposure to. An imperative factor in deciding where I want to commit my future to is surrounded by the level of training and guidance offered by the firm. I believe that qualifying as a solicitor in this firm will allow me to reach my pinnacle and ascertain which area of law I would like to specialise in.

I believe that I would be an ideal candidate for this position as I am passionate about law and committed to qualifying as a solicitor. My interest in law derives from an interest in the way law shapes and influences society, but over the course of my four years studying law I acquired a curiosity for litigation and dispute resolution into commercial matters. I'm an analytical thinker that enjoys problem solving and delving into legal research into new areas of law. I have excellent oral and written communication skills which have been enhanced by way of moot court and voir dire experience. As part of my LLM, I completed a year long dissertation which increased my organisational and project management skills. I critically examined the law of evidence and the exclusionary rule surrounding unconstitutionally obtained evidence in light of the Supreme Court's judgement in *DPP v JC (2015)*. All of the above skills can be directly applied in an internship as I am competent in pinpointing the salient points of law and articulating such in a clear and concise manner.

I have litigation experience working with personal injury and medical negligence cases. My responsibilities included preparing briefs for counsel and court pleadings, conducting legal research and writing legal insight articles to market the firm's brand, contacting clients to arrange medical appointments and answer any queries. My litigation experience has increased my commitment towards a career in law and I am now motivated to work in a firm that has a diverse range of legal services to offer.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you and I hope I am successful in my endeavours.

Yours Sincerely,

Craig Behan