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Dear Manager of the Summer Intern Programme,

**Dublin Traineeship 2021**

I wish to apply for the Dublin traineeship as advertised on the Byrne Wallace website. I am a second-year Masters in Common Law student in University College Dublin with a high second-class honour undergraduate degree in World Religions, Theology and Philosophy from Trinity College Dublin. A copy of my CV is enclosed for your information. I expect to graduate from my masters in May 2022 with a high second- or first-class honour.

I have been inspired to pursue an internship with Byrne Wallace for three reasons: my experience working with the Centre for Talented Youth, Ireland, the times I have competed in negotiation competitions and my time spent studying Contract Law. My held positions in CTYI have been driven by teamwork. As both a team member and a leader, I have learned that community fosters innovation. I am driven to succeed and commit to a rigorous standard in my work. Studying Contract Law and participating in negotiation competitions have been a highlight of my time in university. Both areas have given me a business orientated focus that I believe lend themselves to commercial law. Negotiation competitions have encouraged me to parlay with others as if we were solicitors representing clients, roleplaying through the stages of mergers and acquisitions. Contract Law has taught me how to critically analyse agreements and contracts between parties and how to best represent a client. My ambition is to take the next step and represent real clients in their business endeavours.

I admire Byrne Wallace for their in-depth knowledge in a wide range of fields. Areas dedicated to Healthcare, Life Sciences and Technology emphasise Byrne Wallace as my firm of choice. I have edited UCD’s Student Legal Journal ‘Future Looking Legal Sectors’ section. This has introduced me to an array of legal fields – many of whom are areas that Byrne Wallace facilitates and assures me that I would be delighted with a seat anywhere in the firm. In particular, studying Intellectual Property as part of UCD’s joint programme with Fordham University has drawn me towards the firm. The dedicated IP unit stands as a fantastic opportunity to work alongside exciting clients.

I have greatly enjoyed attending the variety of talks that Byrne Wallace has held in UCD this year and I hope to have the opportunity to talk to you at the interview stage.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Hanlon