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To whom it may concern,

 I am a graduate law student in University College Dublin and am interested in becoming a trainee with Byrne Wallace. As one of Ireland's largest and most progressive law firms, it was naturally one of my first choices. However, it was at the open evening held at Byrne Wallace’s office, when I was first given the opportunity to meet and converse with the trainees and solicitors within the firm that I first began to understand how much Byrne Wallace differed from other Irish law firms. The areas that Byrne Wallace works in are, of course, of great interest to me, but it was the way that the work-life balance was conveyed that really made the firm seem quite appealing. Everybody present at the open evening was incredibly approachable and more than happy to answer and discuss any questions that I had. The trainee’s description of the work that they undertook, and the help and guidance that was offered to them, emphasised the high quality, hands on, training that was provided to them.

While I firmly believe that Byrne Wallace is the law firm that has the most to offer me, I also feel that I have much to offer the company. Both my undergraduate degree in Civil Law, and the LLM that I am currently studying for, have provided me with an extensive knowledge of the law, while my diverse employment history has equipped me a large range of transferable skills. Outside of work and college, I have participated in many different sports and have devoted much of my free time to charity work. I have worked under my own direction and as part of a team on many occasions.

Becoming a solicitor within a commercial law firm has been a goal of mine for a long time, and after careful consideration it is clear to me that Byrne Wallace provides the best environment in which to do this. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you at a later date.

Yours sincerely,

Declan Gardiner