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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to express my motivation to pursue a traineeship with ByrneWallace.

I am passionate about pursuing a career in a commercial law firm because of the calibre of clients as well as colleagues. The significance to the economy of the deals and structures that solicitors in firms like ByrneWallace work on excites me; I am someone who constantly strives to be at 'the top of my game' and I think that a career in a leading commercial law would allow me to reach this level. I think that the opportunity to work with some of the most knowledgeable and innovative lawyers in their respective areas on some of the largest and most complex corporate issues would provide a setting in which I could grow myself professionally into the leading lawyer that I aspire to be.

I pride myself on my ability to apply myself to achieve my objectives and on my sense of personal integrity and commitment to customer service. The client-focused ethos of ByrneWallace is something that attracts me to the firm. Through my work in various college societies and in the workplace, my values have come to life throughout a range of different activities in which I have been involved. I have used and developed my teamwork skills to efficiently organise large events and to provide customer service to the highest possible standard and I have used my communication skills to project a professional image and engage with many different types of people.

As Secretary of Maynooth Law Society, some of the things with which I have been involved include organising law exam study clinics for first year students, a charity fundraising staff-student quiz and the annual Law Ball, as well as many other events and activities. Through my involvement with the European Law Students' Association (ELSA), I organised Maynooth

University's first ever delegation to a Model UN conference and I also organised our own internal inaugural Maynooth Model UN conference. I was centrally involved in the organisation of the ELSA Maynooth International Negotiation Competition this year, which drew participants from as far away as the United States and India and I am serving as the Head of Organising Committee for this year's edition of the competition.

As well as having a strong interest in the law, politics and the economy, I have a passion for travelling and learning about new cultures. I have combined these interests and my passion for public service in my involvement with ELSA, through which I have met hundreds of new people from all over the world and gained professional skills. Next month I will be travelling to Geneva as head of ELSA's delegation to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) during which I will be responsible for being the face of ELSA International and co-ordinating the academic preparation of the whole delegation. This distinction is awarded to ELSA members who have shown an ability to lead, to prepare diligently, to be organised and help organise other people and to represent the association in a professional manner.

My work ethic pervades everything I do and allows me to contribute as much as possible to the organisations in which I am involved as well as to develop my own skillset. I am passionate about what I do and ambitious for my future and I would relish the opportunity to start my career with ByrneWallace.

Yours sincerely,

Dónal Merrick