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To Whom It May Concern,

I am applying for a place in the Byrne Wallace Trainee Programme as I believe I have a lot to offer the firm and it perfectly suits me. I have completed an LLM in European Law with a focus on its impact on business, from the University of Hamburg, Germany. Previously I completed a BCL International at University College Cork receiving second class honours grade one.

What sets me apart from other candidates is my international experience and my initiative. I have studied abroad on two occasions, first at the University of Helsinki and most recently the University of Hamburg. Studying abroad has given me a greater legal understanding, but most importantly I have shown that I am able to adapt to new challenges by planning ahead, being meticulously organised and approaching problems from all angles in order to find the best solution.

In addition to this I am currently working as an intern at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg in the Directorate of Legal Advocacy and Public International Law. Working in an international organisation has given me practical experience of solving legal issues in an effective and expedient manner while working as part of a team. My main focus while working here has been on Digital Privacy Rights, an area that is currently in utmost need of legal modernisation. I am working on drafting new internal legislation for the Council on how best to deal with data processing so as not to infringe individual’s rights. The work is challenging, but stimulating and will of great benefit when working with Byrne Wallace who are experts in information security management.

In the last year I have shown initiative by being a founding member of the Hamburg GAA club. Starting a GAA club from nothing is not an easy process but through team work and determination we made it possible. Founding the club involved raising capital through fundraisers and applying for grants. There also a huge amount of administrative work done in order for the club to run smoothly and creating a social media presence was vital for the club to attract new members and grow. The club has been a great success, partaking in numerous competitions throughout Europe and also hosting our own.

There are numerous reasons for my desire to work for Byrne Wallace. The opportunity to be given a broad education including aspects of business and finance appeals to me. On top of this I have a specific interest in digital privacy rights and information management, an area where Byrne Wallace is the market leader

Another primary reason Byrne Wallace appeals to me is that there are also offices in New York. As an American Citizen I can certainly envisage sitting the New York Bar in future and being able to work in both Dublin and New York as required.

I firmly believe I would be a great addition to the Byrne Wallace team as I am academically able while also working well as part of a team. My initiative along with my ability to adapt quickly to new environments will allow me not to be phased by the fast paced working environment of Byrne Wallace and learning on the job.

I appreciate your consideration of my application and look forward to hearing form you.

Yours Sincerely,

Donnacha Egan