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Dear Recruitment Manager,

I am currently studying for an LLM in Intellectual Property and Information Technology at University College Dublin, and would like to apply for a place on the Trainee Solicitor Programme at ByrneWallace. I graduated from the University of Cambridge in June 2017, achieving a 2.1 in law.

I chose to pursue an LLM in IP and IT as I believe it encompasses the most exciting and important areas of law currently. I am taking modules in both 'Data Protection and Privacy' and 'Digital Investigations and the Law', and believe that these will be a great asset with the impending GDPR. The new data protection regulations introduced under GDPR will hugely impact many companies and potential clients who face crippling financial consequences for non-compliance or breach. ByrneWallace's work in the technology sector is what first drew me to apply for a traineeship with the firm. As one of the first Irish firms certified with ISO 27001, I believe that ByrneWallace's expertise in this area and its forward-looking approach to these issues makes it an extremely attractive firm to learn and grow in. The firm held a conference on GDPR for business leaders earlier this month, as well as providing guidance online on how businesses can best prepare. Indeed, ByrneWallace have a dedicated team, spanning a number of disciplines, which will support and advise clients on data protection issues. The firm is at the forefront of these dynamic and modern areas of law, and it is for these reasons I would love to work there.

As the Drinks Officer for my college's June Event it was up to me to manage a budget of over £20,000, and to provide the range and quality of drinks that our paying guests expected. It was necessary that the Committee and the College could rely upon me to carry out my work with the necessary degree of excellence and expertise. Working with such a large amount of money taught me the importance of planning and budgeting, as well as doing research to find the best prices and negotiating with suppliers to secure the best possible deals. I also held the position of treasurer for the Pembroke College Law Society, and secured funding for the society for the first time in its history. I enjoy the responsibility which accompanies working with money, and having attended 'An introduction to Private Equity' at CityLawLIVE 2015, I uncovered a real interest in financial legal work. ByrneWallace's strong Corporate Group therefore appeals to me greatly. I was particularly interested in the firm's involvement in UBiqube's Series A round of funding earlier this year.

I currently sit on the Editorial Board of the UCD Law Review, and sat on the Editorial Board of the Cambridge Student Law Journal in 2015/16. I enjoy learning about aspects of

law that I have not had the opportunity to study through the work that is submitted to these legal publications. My involvement with the journals, along with my other editorial experience highlights my attention to detail and meticulousness, skills which are easily transferable and well placed in law, where drafting and proofing are crucial. I have always been one to involve myself in a wide range of extracurricular activities; from peer tutoring and class counselling at school, to sitting on three university committees at once. I am therefore excited about ByrneWallace's sports and social activities and would love to get involved. I enjoy taking on high levels of responsibility on top of my studies and feel that my ability to manage many varying commitments at once highlights my reliability and time management skills. I therefore believe that I would be well suited to ByrneWallace, as I will not shy away from responsibility.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,  
Eimear McCluskey