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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am attracted to a corporate law career due to its diverse range of practice areas. I am an avid learner and appreciate the continuously developing nature of corporate law as evidenced by the recent Competition (Amendment) Act 2022. A career in corporate law will allow me to research and academically engage in the field while utilizing my knowledge practically to generate tangible results for clients. Aiding businesses to navigate corporate obstacles is another facet of the corporate career which inspires me. I have maintained a keen interest in business from a young age, being my favourite subject in Secondary school and undertaking business modules at University revolving around Change Management and Organisational Behaviour. Additionally, I chose my degrees with the intention of helping people. Becoming a corporate solicitor will combine my knowledge of business and law to support businesses and their corporate interests. 50% of my academic studies have revolved around law and this is where I achieved my highest results. I was particularly fascinated by my module 'Counter-Terrorism and International Business' due to its teachings on data protection and international trade regulation. My Department of Justice internship contributed further, offering valuable insight into case processes from monitoring ongoing cases via legal databases to attending court hearings and completing judicial review files for in-house solicitors. My legal internship strengthened my desire to pursue corporate law as I gained a granular understanding of the day-to-day tasks involved in the legal realm.

Byrne Wallace is a renowned corporate law firm that advises both international and domestic businesses and provides expertise in areas such as data protection and EU competition law. This has encouraged me to apply as I have a strong interest in technology due to the implications of AI and the protection of personal data I have studied. I will gain invaluable exposure to EU and Food Law once I begin my 12 month Legal Traineeship with the European Food Safety Authority in Parma, Italy as well. I was also attracted to Byrne Wallace due to its exceptional trainee solicitor programme.

My academic studies alongside my work experience have equipped me with a specific skill set beneficial to a career in law. I have completed assignments on a variety of disciplines which has required broad understanding and extensive research. Engaging in academic research to complete reports on the storing of personal data by commercial entities, the free movement of goods, how Mercedes can optimally switch to solely producing electric vehicles among other subjects have strengthened my critical analysis skills. My research skills have been honed to investigate both the legal and commercial dimensions.

Through my legal internship I utilized problem-solving and research skills to create bespoke reports on developments within immigration law, judicial reviews and simplify complex theoretical legal concepts into clear and coherent manuals. I was recently awarded an A1 for my Dissertation as part of my Master's degree. I wish to continuously develop my legal skills

upon undertaking my traineeship with the European Food Safety Authority as a Junior Legal Officer.

Notably, I have engaged in various volunteering and extracurricular roles. I joined the UL Law Society as a representative of my class, acting as a bridge between my course and the Society. I am a volunteer for Special Olympics Ireland, helping to organise training sessions and social events for the team in my hometown. Developing excellent time management skills has allowed me to maintain a high-standard academically and remain actively involved in extracurricular. Thus, I feel confident that pursuing traineeship with Byrne Wallace is the correct choice for me.

I thank you for reviewing my application and would love the opportunity to further discuss my interest in law with you.

Yours faithfully,

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