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Dear Ms Loftus,

My name is Eoin O’Reilly and I am applying for the 2025 Traineeship with ByrneWallace LLP. I graduated last year from the BCL (International) degree at University College Cork, having spent my penultimate year at the University of Copenhagen. I have since spent my time completing the FE-1s. From the moment I decided on a career in corporate law, my sights were firmly set on ByrneWallace LLP. The firm has occupied a constant stead throughout my time as an undergraduate student, and I am very much attracted to the trainee intake size.

My strengths and skill set can be largely attributed to the diversity of positions which I have held over the past number of years, which include: working as a legal secretary, interning at a London-based law firm, my two year role at Dunnes Stores, my various roles on the UCC Law Society, organising the UCC Commerce Conference, co-leading the UCC Simon Society, working as a Concierge at the New York Yacht Club as well as in Hayfield Manor Hotel, and most recently securing a position as a Summer Intern in McCann FitzGerald LLP. Throughout my tenure in each of these roles, I have proven myself to be versatile, adaptable, and crucially, a team player.

A colleague would describe me as a facilitator and a decision-maker with a sharp eye for detail, whilst by friends I have been characterised as sincere, outgoing and considerate. There is no doubt in my mind that ByrneWallace LLP is the place for me to truly flourish in terms of both my professional and personal development, with it being clear that the firm strikes a flawless harmony between these. For me, the highlight of this harmonisation is evinced by the firm’s unwavering commitment to implementing and maintaining the highest Corporate Social Responsibility standards. I see it as a privilege at such an early stage in my career to be involved in an organisation which places such an onus on the impact they are making on the community around them, and I would be honoured to work in such an environment.

Whilst I can envisage my skillset being most beneficial to the impressive Corporate team at ByrneWallace LLP, it would be premature at this point to close my mind to other practice areas. I envisage myself as more of a transactional-based lawyer, however I have heard of many lawyers excelling in a certain area who had previously been more inclined toward another.

One idea which I hope that I have gotten across throughout this application, and one which I think would be suitable for a career ByrneWallace LLP, is that whilst I take my work very seriously, I do not take myself too seriously. I acknowledge the investment which the firm would be making in me, and so I would equally be honoured to devote all I can give to the firm through the immersive Traineeship, and hopefully for many years to come.

Warmest regards,

Eoin