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Dear Ms. Loftus,

I wish to submit my application for the Trainee Solicitor Programme as advertised on the Byrne Wallace website. I completed my LLM in International Commercial Law at UCD in 2018, finishing with an upper 2:1. Alongside my studies I worked as a Research Assistant on the Effective Nature Laws Project based at UCD under the supervision of Prof. Suzanne Kingston and, most recently, I completed a Traineeship at the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg. I am currently in the process of completing my remaining FE-1 Law Society examinations.

My studies in law combined with professional experience have informed my dedication to a career in corporate law. Over the course of my undergraduate degree I undertook various internships, both in solicitors' practices as well as in marketing and business development, gaining a very practical training and greater awareness of modern commercial and legal issues. Likewise, in my recent role at the CJEU, I was confronted on a daily basis with the most current and pressing legal and political challenges affecting the EU and Member States. Through my challenging workload, I gained a diverse skill-set in legal research and analysis, public-speaking and communication, and excellent organisation and attention to detail in an international, multi-lingual environment.

Byrne Wallace has gained international recognition for its innovative and client-focused approach, a factor which is certainly influential in my decision to apply for a trainee position. The calibre of the legal practitioners is particularly impressive in this respect which, through partner supervision in each rotation, affords trainees the opportunity to learn first-hand from leading lawyers in their fields and develop professionally through their valuable direction and feedback. This strikes me as a reflection of Byrne Wallace's learning culture and commitment to its personnel, which is evident in the quality of the trainee programme, combining formal training with practical experience. I am eager to learn, and strive to achieve the highest standards in all aspects of my work. I would therefore greatly value the opportunity to progress my legal training working alongside many of Ireland's leading practitioners to deliver innovative legal solutions and to realise my full potential as a corporate lawyer.

The values and inclusive culture at Byrne Wallace were particularly relevant in my decision to apply. I was impressed by the firm's commitment to the highest standards, not only in respect of its clients, but also to the wider community through its corporate social responsibility initiatives through fund-raising, volunteering and environmental awareness. Building trusting client and community relationships has been one of the most motivating and rewarding aspects in my previous professional and volunteer experience. Therefore, I believe the dynamic and progressive environment at Byrne Wallace would provide opportunity to progress my professional training through valued contribution as part of the team.

I would like to thank you for considering my application, and I hope to hear from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Evelyn Soye