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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would be delighted if you would consider my application with Byrne Wallace. I have enclosed my CV and provided with some personal background information in this letter.

I am a Law graduate of Trinity College Dublin, 2017 and I have spent the past year working in two excellent New York Insurance defence law firms. I was fortunate to be offered a position to stay with the firm as a junior lawyer, however due to personal reasons I am returning to Ireland. I am currently studying for my FE-1s which I hope to complete in March 2019.

There are a number of reasons why I want to apply to Byrne Wallace. The first factor that drew me to the firm was the recognition of the Firm's commitment to integrity and excellence in its receipt of Chambers Europe Client Service Award 2017. Having worked in a small firm in Ireland during university I have first knowledge of the importance of providing excellent service to clients, and how unfortunately this is not always the case.

I was also attracted to the firm's smaller trainee intake. The opportunity to train in a smaller structured environment and gain experience in a number of practice areas is something I wish to pursue. I believe a smaller intake would create a learning environment in which I would flourish.

The firm's commitment to corporate social responsibility is another factor that influenced my desire to apply to Byrne Wallace. My experience in the free legal advice center and through my volunteering with the Trinity Voluntary Tutoring program have given me a real desire to look beyond myself and try to help make a difference where I can. To see this same desire reflected in your firm's aim to combine legal excellence with an awareness of the community around it makes me sure I would be a good fit to work at Byrne Wallace.

I applied for a training contract in 2016 with Byrne Wallace. Although I was disappointed that I did not get the opportunity to interview, I decided to take it as a chance to gain more experience. I decided to move to New York where I worked with two insurance defense firms. I feel I have gained so much from this experience. While it was difficult adapting to a whole new legal system, I was resilient and was lucky to have the opportunity to work on some exciting cases and clients, specifically aviation crashes with complex issues. My experience drafting motions and arbitration submissions have helped me improve my legal writing skills and also my ability to articulate myself in a clear and effective manner.

I believe I could be of real value to your firm as a trainee. I am practical, conscientious worker and highly logical, qualities that I believe I have enhanced through my experiences, especially my legal work experience. I am dedicated to pursuing a career as a solicitor and I pride myself on my ability to work hard and make meaningful contribution. I enjoy learning and I am not afraid to take initiative.

My resume provides further details on my background and accomplishments. I hope you will consider my application to start my career with Byrne Wallace.

Yours Faithfully,

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