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Dear Human Resources at ByrneWallace,

As an LLM student at Trinity College Law School; a First-class Honours Law with French Law graduate from University College Dublin I am very interested in obtaining a training contract with ByrneWallace. I grew up in Galway, attended university in Dublin and Paris and having spent time living in France I returned to Dublin in 2016 to undertake my FE1s and work for FLAC. I am interested in your firm because I believe it to be one of the best traineeship programmes in the country. As one of Ireland's largest leading law firms you have a strong calibre of clients from a diverse range of practice areas; are client focused and offer a traineeship programme that is well structured to support and develop excellent technical legal knowledge and skills alongside a strong commercial and financial acumen. I have a particular interest in the area of Administrative Law, studying it at both undergraduate and graduate level, and have been involved in judicial review cases at FLAC. I am also intending on centring my dissertation on the administration of civil justice in Ireland, perhaps by looking at the potential case for class action law suits in Ireland. I believe that ByrneWallace, having advised State and semi-state bodies, Government departments, local authorities and numerous health authorities on a range of issues, will allow me the opportunity to train and learn from experts in a progressive, supportive and well-resourced environment. I have a very good grounding in Family Law from my work on the phoneline at FLAC and a keen interest in Data Protection as I am studying it in detail as part of my LLM. Looking at the widescale effect the GDPR will have come May 2018.

Before I started my Masters, I was fortunate enough to work for FLAC as a legal intern, and have the opportunity to be part of a team that provides access to justice through advocacy, advice and information and analysis. I gained great experience and insight into what is required of legal professionals and the demands and rewards of such a role. I was required to think on my feet in a measured and professional manner. Assigned to consumer credit and debt law and having little experience in this area I studied insolvency law and mortgage repossession cases in my own time; was involved in legal casework re-organising files and summarising legal issues.

I was delighted to see the emphasis ByrneWallace places on work-life balances as music is a passion of mine. I have studied classical piano and singing since I was very young and performing is something in which I derive much pleasure. This year I have begun performing more frequently

around Dublin and this has proven to be a rewarding while nerve-wrecking experience! I also stay fit by running as often as I can along Poolbeg Lighthouse and Sandymount.

My time at FLAC, work as a Board Member of Volume 13 UCD Law Review, and my varied experiences to date have provided me with interesting and rewarding challenges that have at times taken me outside my comfort zone. I believe that being part of ByrneWallace's traineeship programme would allow me to continue to challenge myself and to thrive and develop professionally, academically and personally. I do not always have the loudest voice in a room but am tenacious and determined. I feel confident that I could contribute substantially to your organisation while strengthening the skills I'll need for my future in law.

It would be a privilege to be part of the ByrneWallace traineeship programme and I thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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