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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you with regard to the Traineeship Programme located in your Dublin offices, as advertised on your website. I enclose a copy of my CV for your consideration.

I graduated top of my class from the University of Bologna in 2016, with a final dissertation on Competition Law. During my time in university, I spent one year as a visiting student at Trinity College, where I focused on International and European Union Law. This success gained me entry to a summer internship in an Italian Insurance Law Firm, where I worked in the litigation department.

Following my studies, I completed an internship at the UN Refugee Agency. From there, I took on a full-time position at the Irish legal startup Brightflag. As a legal analyst in a fast-growing startup with high-profile clients, I developed a client-focused approach to my work and a greater understanding of the business of law. Thanks to my ability to understand different legal systems and to take the initiative, I earned an early promotion. I gained significant insight into the corporate legal market and into the high standard expected of solicitors who are engaged by large multinationals and financial institutions. In my view, this practical exposure sets me apart as a potential trainee.

Desiring to further my legal knowledge in the areas of Corporate and Financial Law, I have moved to New York where I am taking classes at Fordham Law School. I am particularly interested in the field of International Investment Law due to its trajectory of growth in a rapidly changing global landscape. As part of my studies, I am taking an advanced course in Legal Research and Writing, practising how to draft office memorandums, trial briefs and contracts.

I am attracted to your firm because of the diversity of its practice areas and its leadership position within the field of Investment law. Byrne Wallace stands out to me for the importance which the firm places on its solicitors being excellent business advisors as well as commercial practitioners. The value your firm places on development and knowledge-building has been made clear to me, both through my own research and from talking to trainees. I believe that a Traineeship with Byrne Wallace would give me the chance to put my broad legal experience and my proven ability to take the initiative to best use, both in the interests of the firm and myself.

I plan to move back to Dublin in November and to undertake my first sitting of FE1 Examinations in March/April 2019. I am available for interview, both in person or through Skype, at any time. Please don't hesitate to contact me on +1 646/5057537 or by email at giuliamaria.lascala@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely,
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