To whom it may concern,

I wish to apply for the trainee program with ByrneWallace. I have recently completed a history degree at Trinity College Dublin and will graduate with a high 2.1. I am very interested in law as I find it intellectually stimulating and something out of which I would like to make a career.

For me, history and law are natural bedfellows. Both subjects require critical thinking, attention to detail, a good memory and strong organisational skills. I believe I possess these traits in abundance. It was the realisation that my talents were suited to a career in law, which initially sparked my interest in the subject.

My interest in law was further developed through my internship at Crowley Millar Solicitors in the summer of 2014, and subsequently whilst studying for my first set of FE-1 exams (Criminal, Property, Contract, Equity), which I sat in October. Through work experience and study, what I have found most fascinating about law is its constantly evolving nature. Studying law, I often feel like I am at the cutting edge of new developments and it challenges me to consider what is just and fair in today’s society.

Through advice from others and my own research, I know that ByrneWallace is the place in which I would like to do my training contract. While the firm is large, allowing one to gain an insight into a number of practice areas, at the same time I have been told that due to the relatively small intake of trainee’s, each trainee is given a lot of practical experience and as a result the training at Byrne Wallace is second to none. I was also impressed with Byrne Wallace’s international outlook, and the large number of global connections that the firm has.

I know I possess the ability and ambition to succeed at ByrneWallace. If given the opportunity, I am prepared to work as hard as it takes to excel as a commercial lawyer, as I am sure it is where my interests and talents lie.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh MacDonagh