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Ms. Crona McLoughlin, Head of Human Resources, Byrne Wallace, 88 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.

Re: Letter of application for traineeship

Dear Ms. McLoughlin,

My name is Ian Murphy and I'm a final year BCL with Economics student in UCD. I have maintained a 2:1 throughout my degree, including my semester in University of Miami. I was born in New York City but grew up in Glanworth. I attended St. Colman's College, Fermoy where I excelled academically. I was Prefect for two years and was a co-founder of the Debate team. I have worked part-time since I have finished my leaving cert which has instilled me with a strong work ethic and commercial awareness. I have been involved with multiple charity campaigns including 'shave or dye' in 2012.

From studying how firms maximise their profits and how governmental policy decisions influence the economy, I was better able to understand and appreciate Competition, Company and International law. The enjoyment I got out of this relationship between economics and law pushed me towards looking at a career in a corporate law firm. I have enjoyed both firms I have worked in, and I found the opportunity to really get to know the clients to be rewarding. However, I didn't experience the same overlap between economics and law and this further assured me that I wanted to work in corporate law. Having attended the open evening on Tuesday, I was immediately impressed by Byrne Wallace. The benefit of working in a successful large firm with a friendly and progressive atmosphere was made very clear on the evening, especially from talking to Roisin Garvey.

I believe I would be the perfect candidate for Byrne Wallace. I have a good balance between academic results, extra circular achievements and work experience. I am familiar with all the legal documents and process of convincing, both commercial and individual, and have been exposed to a myriad of litigation and commercial work. My understanding of economics and current affairs allows me to relate to clients easily as I would understand not only the law, but how the law affects their business in real terms.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application,

Yours Sincerely,