Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Jack O’Connor and I wish to apply for the trainee program in Byrne Wallace. I am a recent graduate from Business and Law in UCD, graduating with a 2.1 honors and I currently hold the role of Legal Executive in Bank of Ireland’s Securities department.

I went to secondary school in Gonzaga College and during my time in school I had always been fascinated with the legal system, the way it operates in our country, our economy and the impact it has on our lives. It is for this reason that I chose subjects like Business and Economics for my Leaving Cert and why I chose to study Business and Law.

Aside from my academics I am a huge sports fan. I enjoy both playing and watching football and tennis. I play football for CYM Beechwood, a club based in Terenure. I used to play tennis very competitively up until aged 17 when I stopped to focus on my studies instead. I still play at a social level in Fitzwilliam LTC. Sports have always been very important to me, as I believe they are a great way to exercise and meet new people.

My time in college gave me a great insight into a wide range of different subjects and areas, both in the legal and commercial spheres. I particularly enjoyed my Commercial, Company, Property and Sports Law modules. It helped me realize that I would be suited to a career in a commercial law firm where I could use what I had learnt in college to start my career off in the best possible way.

After researching the Trainee Programme on offer at Byrne Wallace, I believe it is the obvious choice for any young aspiring lawyer. It stands out as a firm that is committed to helping their trainees develop in the best way possible. To work alongside such talented people, in such welcoming and progressive environment is a prospect that greatly excites me.

I believe I have developed the skills necessary to be a good fit at Byrne Wallace. I understand that a trainee must be academic, have great organizational skills, and be a strong communicator and a team player. Throughout my time in college I have worked in retail, where I have grown to understand the importance of being an excellent communicator when dealing with customers. As a tennis coach and having played team sports all my life, I understand how vital teamwork is in any environment.

To work for a leading Irish law firm, with a wide range of high profile clients is both demanding and exciting. I understand the commitment and desire that is expected of a trainee so that they fulfill their potential and become a top-class lawyer. As an ambitious graduate with a keen interest in law, if given the chance, I know Byrne Wallace is the perfect place for me to prove my worth and help me realize these ambitions.

Kind Regards,

Jack O’Connor