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To whom it may concern,

I would like to apply for the Trainee Programme in your law firm. Being offered a place in Byrne & Wallace would assist me to fulfill a goal that I have been working towards for the last number of years. My objective is to qualify as a solicitor in a leading commercial law firm as part of an expert and dedicated team. Byrne & Wallace is widely recognized within the profession for the excellence of their Trainee programme and gaining a place would provide me with an invaluable learning experience to learn from leading professionals in commercial law and an opportunity for the practical application of academic learning acquired throughout my UCD Masters in Common Law programme.

I have always had a keen interest in sports, playing rugby at a competitive standard in Junior and Senior Schools Cup for 5 years and at club level in Greystones Rugby Club up to U20’s and Senior men’s level. I was a member of the U20s team who won the Premier League 2014 and subsequently progressed to the quarter finals of the All Ireland Cup. I have acted in a leadership capacity as vice captain on both school and club teams. I also played Gaelic for Kilmacanogue GAA Club and golf in Charlesland Golf Club. Through my travels abroad I have gained an active interest in surfing and water sports. Personal strengths developed through my love of sports have advanced my team building skills and I approach challenging situations with commitment and stamina. Taking advantage of the summer breaks during my undergraduate degree, I worked in Vancouver and San Diego and travelled extensively throughout Europe, Thailand and Vietnam. These sporting and personal experiences have developed my leadership skills and ability to interact with others in a composed and decisive manner.

Throughout my secondary school years I was an active member of the St. Andrews Model United Nations, an international school forum where delegates work together to form resolutions and debate current world issues. Subsequently I completed a BA(Hons) in Politics and International Relations achieving an A+ in my dissertation entitled “Rwandan Genocide: To what extent did the colonial actions of the Belgian Government influence the pre-genocidal conditions that led to the 1994 genocide in Rwanda”.

I am currently a post- graduate student in UCD, studying for a Masters in Common Law. Therefore I am yet to complete any FE1 Exams, however I intend to sit them in October 2017 Additionally, I am a member of the Student Legal Service(SLS), a voluntary society providing free legal information to all students in UCD.As an SLS volunteer I received training from both practicing legal professionals and academics from the Law School. I have a keen interest in all aspects of commercial law and would welcome the opportunity to gain insight into life in a top tier law firm where I could combine my interests in international business, politics and finance while working with talented legal professionals on real transactions and cases.

Thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Rowe