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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in support of my application for your 2019 trainee programme. I would like to take this opportunity to outline my motivation to pursue a career in commercial law at Byrne Wallace.

I have found from my work experience, participation in negotiation competitions, and even academic problem questions, that what really excites me is the goal orientated, pressurised, problem solving aspect of law. I have long envisioned myself pursuing a career in a challenging, competitive setting. Over the last year, I completed two seats as a “pre-trainee” at another commercial law firm in Dublin. I found it an exciting experience which advanced my skills in research and case management, but more importantly it affirmed my ambition to work in commercial law. I believe that Byrne Wallace will allow me to continuously learn and push myself to develop my career at the cutting edge.

Furthermore, I consider myself as possessing numerous skills which make me suited to a career in this area, for example teamwork and leadership. Whether playing football for Bohemian FC or cooking pizzas in Milano, I have spent most of my life developing the ability to work in a team. I understand that a key factor of success in commercial law is being able to communicate and collaborate effectively to solve a common problem. My role as Editor of the Student Legal Service’s annual publication is a relevant example, where I led a team of five sub-editors and 20 writers.

I consider myself as possessing a strong commercial mind-set. For this reason, I believe Byrne Wallace will be where I can best utilise my interests, abilities, and ambitions. For example, during university I was named “Economics Commentator of the Year” by the College Tribune, Ireland’s largest, independent student-run newspaper. My analysis covered a range of topics including technology IPOs and global market trends.

My brief work experience in Byrne Wallace is one of my main motivators in applying for the traineeship. It is important to me that I train in a positive work environment which is conducive to good learning. I understand that the firm operates an open door policy, and I remember being very comfortable asking questions and being unafraid to take initiative in my work due to the friendly and encouraging atmosphere.

I hope I have convinced you that my personal strengths and interests drive my motivation to work in commercial law and make me an excellent candidate for your trainee programme.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Faithfully,

Jack O’Sullivan