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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my keen interest in the legal traineeship at Hayes Solicitors beginning in September 2025. I am a 27 year old who has recently returned to Ireland after a few years in Germany. Having enjoyed my time abroad and accumulated some work experience, I am excited by the new challenge of beginning a training contract in a firm as prestigious as Byrne Wallace.

Byrne Wallace initially drew my attention due to its impressive 8th place ranking in the Law Society's top 20 Irish law firms of 2024. Upon researching the recent work undertaken at the firm, I was impressed with the firm's role in renewable energy projects, such as Geopura and Keppel Data Centres REIT. In particular the firm's role in advising Geopura in delivering the first hydrogen fuel cells in Ireland to the ESB made me excited at the prospect of working on such innovative and important projects.

Byrne Wallace also appealed to me due to its aspect as a full service law firm with a broad practice area across each of its core departments. When I watched the Byrne Wallace Trainee insights webinar, the account of Alex Henderson really illustrated how this can directly benefit a trainee. His transition from the corporate team to more contentious work as part of the insolvency and restructuring team demonstrated the firm's ability to guide trainees to their preferred practice. While I can take it for granted that such a varied experience would be invaluable, the other accounts given in the webinar from trainee all the way up to partner level reassured me that the open and collaborative culture in the firm would assist me in achieving my career goals.

I believe my internship experience, combined with my work experience in professional collections and hospitality, makes me a strong candidate for the role. My experience at Beauchamps and A&L Goodbody provided me with a solid understanding of the day-to-day operations of a law firm. I successfully handled a wide range of responsibilities, including replying to correspondence, accompanying lawyers to court, organising appointments, and conducting legal research and writing. These experiences have equipped me with essential skills in administrative tasks, client communication, and legal documentation. My experience in

each of these teams differed significantly, which exposed me to the complexities of corporate law. These internships have strengthened my ability to work effectively as part of a team and to handle demanding workloads.

More recently, I have accumulated valuable experience through working as a collections professional for Mercedes-Benz Financial Services. This role has helped me to become comfortable with more formal customer service operations in a regulated environment. My experience at Mercedes-Benz has helped me to understand debt recovery procedures and regulation while giving me valuable experience working in an office environment.

Thank you for considering my application. I have attached my resume for your review and would welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further in an interview.

Yours faithfully,

John Taaffe