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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to apply for the Trainee Solicitor Programme offered by Byrne Wallace. I have been interested in the law from a very young age and latterly have developed a particular preference for the commercial aspects, as evidenced by the high marks I obtained in relevant modules such as Commercial Law, Competition Policy and Intellectual Property. Byrne Wallace, as one of the top commercial law firms in the country with a number of prestigious awards to its name, is a very attractive place of work for me.

I have striven for excellence in everything I do, whether it be academic or extra-curricular. This is demonstrated by my strong examination results and successful sporting career. Byrne Wallace has developed a reputation for excellence and integrity, traits which I find particularly appealing as I will continue to look to challenge myself as I begin my life as a trainee solicitor.

I have not yet decided in which specific area of the law I wish to specialise. Therefore, the fact that Byrne Wallace offers diverse expertise covering all significant aspects of Irish law makes it the ideal place to train. The firm has departments in growing sectors such as Environmental Law, EU Competition, Technology and Intellectual Property, which is another attractive factor.

Byrne Wallace emphasises collaboration and strong connections with clients. As someone who has worked in teams all his life, as a player, a captain and a coach, I appreciate the value of such things. During my time as an intern in Eugene F Collins, I learned of the great importance of team-work and good client relations in a busy law firm, particularly when there is a heavy workload.

The weeks I spent in Eugene F Collins and my time in the Office of the Attorney General elucidated that the skills I have developed in school and university are certainly transferable to the legal world. I believe that the most relevant of these skills are leadership, which I developed as a House Captain in Blackrock College and as a rugby coach in Trinity, organisation, which is best illustrated by my ability to balance my academic and sporting

pursuits having received a scholarship for each from my university, and communication, which has been cultivated by regular public speaking and committee work in both school and university.

We are entering into an exciting but uncertain time in the commercial landscape of Ireland. We have a growing economy but this is coupled with the unpredictability of Brexit. Accordingly, it is a very interesting period in which to be working as a solicitor in this country. I am excited to begin my legal career in this context and look forward to the challenges and rewards it brings. I would love the opportunity to begin this career with Byrne Wallace and I hope that you consider me for the Trainee Solicitor Programme.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph Horan