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Dear Ms. Fox,

I wish to apply for a traineeship position with your firm and believe that I have the attributes and skills which Byrne Wallace seeks in its trainees. I have recently completed my Master’s degree in the area of International and European Business Law in Trinity College Dublin, having obtained a 2:1 grade. Prior to this, I studied Law with French Law at University College Dublin, having obtained a GPA of 3.43 overall.

I am currently working in the financial planning team in the Private Clients department of Davy, which is a challenging yet a very worthwhile opportunity. This role entails creating bespoke financial plans for institutional clients and offering holistic advice on their taxation, investment and succession options. Although I am enjoying working with such a reputable company, I am keen to forge a career as a solicitor and believe that a traineeship with Byrne Wallace would allow me to realise my full potential. I am therefore determined to study and undertake the FE-1 examinations with the Law Society.

I am aware that law is an academically rigorous discipline. I believe that my examination results at undergraduate and postgraduate level are a good indication of my ability to perform well as a solicitor. I am a very people orientated person with strong analytical skills and a keen eye for attention to detail, which I believe to be important attributes for a career as a solicitor. I effectively displayed these qualities during my time as a corporate intern with Leman Solicitors.

I am attracted to applying for a position with Byrne Wallace for a number of reasons. I am aware that Byrne Wallace is regarded as one of Ireland’s leading law firm by industry publications such as Chambers. I am also aware that the firm employs many lawyers who are considered leaders in their field in the areas of corporate, banking and litigation amongst others. The fact that Byrne Wallace is the first and only Irish law firm to achieve the Lexcel Standard of Excellence speaks for itself. I realise that your firm hires the top talent each year and I believe I have the qualifications the firm looks for and values in its employees. I would relish the opportunity of working in such a challenging and rewarding environment and I hope you will consider my application favourably.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Judith Brennan.