Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Kate Daniels and I am in the final year of my Bachelor of Civil Law & Spanish degree due to graduate in 2018. I would like to apply for a training contract at Byrne Wallace as advertised on the company’s website.

I have always been interested in the business landscape and the mechanics behind large commercial transactions so the next logical step for me is to secure a training contract in this area. Byrne Wallace’s top tier reputation stood out to me from the moment I started to research corporate law firms. From attending talks and workshops since first year, the firm really appealed to me as the people were extremely approachable and genuinely seemed to love working there.

The combination of intellectually stimulating case studies and learning about commercial trade in my Company Law classes really interested me and was very different from my other law modules such as Criminal and Tort law. I specifically enjoyed the tutorials in which I got a chance to have workshops/disputes where I was given a fictional client and a problem question involving numerous legal issues.

Through my work experiences I have learned how to be adaptable working within a team in an extremely fast paced environment. I developed the ability to read people and interpret their needs. I think this is specifically relevant in many areas of the commercial world as success depends on working out exactly what clients want. Traveling abroad has provided me with a greater knowledge and appreciation of global communities and how to effectively navigate around communication and cultural barriers. During my Erasmus I gained global awareness by working with people from different countries and cultures which I think is important for a firm with an international business element.

I would consider myself to be a highly competitive and self motivated person who thrives under pressure. I think with these skills it would be very exciting to work in an intense commercial law environment. I have developed excellent interpersonal skills which I believe to be important for this role as I would have to interact with a large diversity of people from employees and partners to the company’s clients.

I have exceptional analytical, research and problem solving skills which I think will be important when finding reasonable corporate solutions to client’s problems. I understand corporate law would be extremely intense with long hours; however, I think I have built up resilience through obstacles I have faced while juggling work, academic and extracurricular demands.

The Trainee Development Programme provided at Byrne Wallace also really appeals to me as it focuses not only on your professional growth but also on your personal development through workshops and seminars. The numerous awards that Byrne Wallace has been awarded such as the “**Lexcel accreditation Award”** really impressed me as it is the first Irish Law Firm to achieve this accreditation. The Corporate Responsibility Programmes in the firm really stood out to me as volunteering has always been close to my heart. I have volunteered in many organisations such as the Hope Foundation and Saint Vincent De Paul and I am currently a technology volunteer at my University. I would love to continue this in my career and have the chance to do Pro Bono work. I believe the combination of my academic achievements and developed skills discussed makes me an ideal candidate for a Training Contract at Byrne Wallace.

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

Yours sincerely,

Kate Daniels.