To whom it may concern,

I read with interest the advertisement on your website for your traineeship programme. I have attached my C.V. for your consideration.

I am a recent graduate of the BCL (International) programme at University College Cork, receiving a 2H1. I recently sat 6 FE-1 exams in the October sitting and I am currently awaiting the results. When I returned to university, as a mature student, I wanted to gain as broad an experience as possible before settling on a chosen career path. I believe the modules I have studied throughout my degree, and my legal work experience in various sectors, reflect this. My year studying abroad in Saint Louis University School of Law provided me with a great insight into legal practice and served to reinforce my desire to go into legal practice upon completion of my degree.

I feel Byrne Wallace would be the ideal firm for me to train with. I think this is an exciting time to be in commercial practice, with the fallout from the Brexit referendum still unknown. Given the opportunity I would work hard to make the most from traineeship, I believe this would be a benefit to your firm and also myself.

During my time at SLU Law I worked as a Rule 13 Student Attorney, in the SLU Criminal Defence Clinic. This provided a great opportunity for practical experience and I felt the interactions with clients, and the in-court experience was invaluable. I feel much of the skills I learned there are transferable across the legal sector, and I would relish the opportunity to develop these skills further in your firm. After my first year of studies, I interned at Cork City Hall. It was highly beneficial to see how the legal system worked, in practice, and not just through the viewpoint of academia. It was also interesting to be able to view public interest practice from a different angle, for example when dealing with housing issues. I believe my time spent at City Hall greatly improved my organizational skills.

I have studied a broad range of modules over the past years which have covered a wide spectrum of areas. At SLU Law, I took a number of classes which I believe have given me the practical skills to work in the legal sector. The modules were much more focused on developing skills which would be needed in a practice setting. They strongly improved my inter-personal skills and provided transferable skills across the legal sector. As part of the Citizenship, Human Rights & Social Justice Seminar, I completed a research paper which has been approved for publication and is currently in the final stages of editing. I have also been published in a peer reviewed journal, the *Cork Online Law Review*. I believe my strong legal writing skills are evidenced by this.

Throughout my legal education I have also worked part-time in the hospitality industry. This has provided me with an opportunity to strengthen my multi-tasking skills and show my hard-working nature, as I have had to strike a balance between my studies and my work.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to an opportunity to further discuss your requirements and my qualifications at an interview.

Kind Regards,

Kevin Healy