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**Re: Traineeship Application**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Law's attraction as a career is the chance to work at the nexus of economy, rights, & policy, extend my own (comparative) intellectual strengths, and see inside a range of companies and businesses.

A traineeship is, of course, a formative experience, though I would hope to contribute in a number of areas:

- **Economics & Finance** EU, competition, regulatory law and M&A practice are key areas in which the Economics graduate can build real expertise. My thesis, on the role of patent pools in technical standards agreements, demonstrates my ability to craft innovative, cross-disciplinary legal solutions in competition law.
- **Professional presence** Six years' experience means I would enter the traineeship as a rounded professional, capable of interacting with senior clients, simplifying workflows with technology, and of amicably managing disagreement. Interpersonal effectiveness as a habit is a legacy of a graduate programme in management consulting.
- **Deal Experience** I managed the data room, compiled documentation, and signalled red & yellow-flag issues to the decision makers on an infrastructure sale. The binary (approve-disapprove) mindset of the lawyers stood out here in contrast to financiers, not famed for their greater culture, who embraced a relative spectrum of possibilities.
- **Resilience & Drive** Whether it's committing to a marathon training program or jumping into a LLM in a foreign language, I enjoy deconstructing difficult challenges. In a competitive legal market, the humility to learn continually is the only sustainable competitive advantage.

I would wish my legal career to be, above all, *impactful*. Whether this be through nuanced advice on high-margin business activities and transactions, or European or regulatory litigation that has knock-on effects for millions, I hope the firm would provide the platform.

With Kindest Regards,

Kevin LYNCH