Dear Sir/Madam

I would be grateful if you would consider this covering letter, along with my CV and online application form, as an application for the Byrne Wallace trainee program.

By way of background I have recently finished the final year of my law degree in Trinity College Dublin and will graduate in late November. I really enjoyed my time in Trinity because I think it’s a place where innovation and personal progression is really valued. Ideally you want the context you are studying, living or working in to give credence to things you think are important. To study somewhere that encourages the pursuit of knowledge and improvement was a key factor in my choice of university, Byrne Wallace’s commitment to remaining a dynamic force in the Irish legal sector is a key factor in my choice to pursue a traineeship with your firm.

Having spent the last three or four years working unstimulating jobs supporting my way through college, I have realised and shaped the goals that will see me progress through my career, starting as a trainee solicitor. I am not intimidated by hard work, but I don’t think hard work is something you should have to do to pass the hours until go home. For me your career should present you with the daily challenges and opportunities that engage you and inspire you to work hard.

My first taste of the legal profession at a small firm was a great experience because I loved the nature of the work whether drafting documents or teasing out issues with parties over the phone. But your career should drive your ambitions and not limit them, and ultimately working at a small firm you will be doing the same work day in day out. If you want the opportunity to test yourself and exceed you potential you should be at a firm that tackles huge transactions, a firm that is regularly the first port of call for those at the forefront of industry and commerce.

From my perspective the right firm is the one that takes your traineeship as seriously as you do, I want to undertake my traineeship somewhere that is invested in my development and future, somewhere that recognises that your rotations are as much about your personal progression as the work you are doing. It is obvious to me that you always want to be learning from those that are at the top of their field, the chance to work with and observe some of the best solicitors in the country at Byrne Wallace would mean that every minute of every day would present the best possible chance to see how to conduct yourself as a modern legal practitioner. The time I spent interning in Byrne Wallace’s commercial litigation department over the summer has confirmed to me that the atmosphere in the firm is one in which I am confident I can thrive.

From your perspective I think I would be an ideal candidate for the Byrne Wallace traineeship. I hope you will see from my CV that I have the academic prowess and natural ability to be a success in any field. Every day in my current job I am improving my skill set and my approach and I am steadily and diligently building the foundations upon which my career as a solicitor will flourish. As a person I have the level headed approach and good judgment that make me a colleague that can be trusted to perform and make the right decision in any situation.

Finally I would like to thank you for taking the time to read and consider this application, if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

**Kyle Bradshaw**