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To whom this may concern,

Please consider my application for the graduate training programme. I am in my final year of law school at Washington University School of Law, and I am studying International Business and Law at Queens University Belfast this fall as part of an international exchange program. I will be earning my J.D. and sitting for the Bar Exam next summer, and I want to qualify as a solicitor in Ireland. Ultimately, I hope to practice corporate law for a multi-national firm in Dublin.

I am particularly interested in Byrne Wallace because of your strong corporate practice. As a summer law clerk in the corporate legal department of Plains All American Pipeline, L. P. (“Plains”), I worked on the sale and acquisition of interests in operating pipelines, terminals, and storage facilities. I assisted senior attorneys by drafting an indication of interest and an access agreement, by preparing schedules and exhibits, and by reviewing purchase and sale agreements. I worked with Plains’ business development, integrity, and land teams during the negotiation process and learned the commercial, regulatory, and operational considerations driving each deal. Working in-house at Plains allowed me to observe and participate in the entire negotiation and closing process. I finally understand what alumni and my law professors mean when they tell us about the rush that comes with trying to close a deal, even when it requires staying late to search through old transaction binders or land records. Working at Byrne Wallace would allow me to further pursue my interests in mergers and acquisitions.

I also want to work at Byrne Wallace due to its international presence. I hold Irish citizenship and am pursuing a dual qualification in U.S. and Irish law. Working at Byrne Wallace would allow me to use both legal qualifications, to work on cross-border transactions, and to be closer to my family in Ireland.

My desire to work for a multinational firm stems not just from my family connections and legal interests but also from my desire to seek new challenges. I have always pursued opportunities that broaden my experience and improve my ability to work with a diverse group of individuals. For example, while working as a law fellow at Children at Risk, I gained experience in legal writing, project leadership, and advocacy when I led a four person team in writing a legal publication on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) and executing a strategic advocacy plan. Further, while working as a College Recruitment Adviser at Westfield High School ("Westfield"), I had the opportunity to promote change in a high risk community. Realizing that Westfield was not providing accurate information about the college application process, I pitched the idea of hosting a college carnival to the Director of College Readiness and was able secure her support and a $7500 grant for the project. As a result of its success, the district decided to budget money to host an annual district-wide college carnival. I hope to continue to be presented with new challenges and opportunities to learn as a trainee.

I appreciate you taking the time to review my application. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience and having the opportunity to tell you more about myself.

 Sincerely,

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