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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a BCL International graduate from University College Cork and am writing to apply for the Traineeship Programme with Byrne Wallace. I successfully completed the EU Law exam in August and am currently studying for the remainder of my FE1 Examinations. I became interested in the firm after learning about the dynamics of the firm its status as being one of Ireland’s leading firms. I particularly admire their commitment to fostering a collegial and nurturing environment, as well as promoting excellence and integrity among their lawyers.

I became interested in pursuing a career in a diverse law firm after discovering my passion for a fast-paced and competitive environment, having worked in start-up businesses in the past. I enjoyed developing an understanding of the commercial issues that small businesses encounter; from obtaining licenses for premises to copyright issues. Being one of the original team-members in the business was a huge learning curve and we met regularly to discuss ways in which we could improve the business. I quickly improved my communication and problem-solving skills and wanted to endeavour a career where I would be able to transfer and utilise these skills in an intellectually challenging, yet supportive, environment. I believe that a career in a full-service law firm will be a combination of my passion for finding creative solutions and working collaboratively, as well as being continuously challenged and pushed in my work. I want to work at a firm which offers diverse and dynamic training, in a progressive and open-plan environment where I would be mentored by experts in their field.

The firm’s national standing, shown by their many awards and accolades and their leading expertise in an array of sectors, will provide an ideal environment in which to match my previous experiences with my career ambitions. The firm’s dedication to their clients and the appreciation they have for providing first-class service and strategic legal advice is inspiring and presents an exciting opportunity to maximise my learning experience as an intern. I am intrigued by the firm’s broad-range of responsibilities; both commercially and socially. From advising a leading Irish probiotics company on a major acquisition, to holding coffee mornings to celebrate International Women’s Day. Learning about the firm’s culture of sustainability and mutual respect, and the unique learning experience they provide in their internship programme; I became interested in the pragmatic and innovative approach Byrne Wallace employs. Following this approach, I imagine, is key to the firm’s success, as creating an environment where interns and trainees are trusted and encouraged to offer intelligence provides for unique and effective legal solutions allowing clients to realise new opportunities and promising outcomes.

The firm have a strong reputation for their professionalism and support in developing their lawyers to be the best that they can - driving an influential and inspiring workforce which makes a real, positive impact on society. Reading about the firm, it is clear that strong communication skills and the ability to develop trusted relationships, as well as being able to work in teams and under pressure are particularly important to the skillset of a solicitor at the firm. My previous experience have allowed me to develop these skills to a particularly high standard and I am confident that my competencies I have developed from my degree, work experience and other activities will enable me to excel as a trainee at Byrne Wallace.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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