Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to present an application for the Trainee position in Byrne Wallace.

I have recently graduated from University College Dublin with a 2:1 (3.6 GPA) degree in Law with Economics. I am currently employed as a consultant Legal Analyst in a software company, however I intend to commence my FE-1 exams in the first half of 2018.

If I were selected for the position, I would be totally flexible, but nonetheless, you might like to consider my particular experiences and interests. In June of 2016 I worked as an intern in the Corporate department of a large law firm, a role which I believe was ideal given my respectable knowledge of Irish Company Law as illustrated by my grades in that area. During the course of my studies I have also developed a keen interest in Administrative Law, Property Law as well as Intellectual Property Law. Despite this, I recognise that Byrne Wallace enjoys competency over an impressively varied range of practice areas, and therefore I would be tremendously grateful to be afforded the opportunity to work in any particular sector of the firm. In addition to my legal skills which I have been allowed to develop both academically and clinically, I believe the Economic knowledge I have attained during my 4 years of university study will benefit me in any legal setting as a strong economic understanding is pivotal in any decision-making process, commercial or otherwise

Socially, I am the Defensive Captain for the UCD American Football Team and I am also a member of the Irish National Team. I have also been active (and successful) on the fields of rugby, soccer and GAA down through the years. I believe that the team ethic of the sports field will be important asset when I enter the office environment.

I am a highly ambitious, driven individual, although easygoing and approachable on a personal level. I am also a pragmatic, sensible decision maker. I feel that my colleagues would agree with this assessment.

I believe that acquiring a traineeship within Byrne Wallace would provide me with an ideal start to my career in legal practice. I would hope to experience the application of academic learning to the legal world, to learn from mentors and colleagues and to contribute actively to a quality work environment by bringing my enthusiasm and my strong work ethic to the table.

I hope you will see that I would hugely appreciate the opportunity to work with Byrne Wallace.

Yours faithfully,
Lewis Barrett.