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Dear graduate recruitment team,

I am a final year LL.B student at Trinity College Dublin. I am ambitious, commercially-minded and eager to start my career on the right footing. That has brought me to writing this application. Byrne Wallace’s Trainee Programme is known for producing market-leading lawyers. I have just returned from a year-long exchange at The University of Hong Kong, Asia’s premier centre for legal education, ranked 19th globally by QS. There, I excelled in a range of commercial and financial law courses not available at undergraduate level in Ireland. I achieved a first class honours in half of my courses, attaining an overall grade of 68%. On my return, I interned with A&L Goodbody for a month in their Banking department. This was a rewarding experience and I took ownership of my internship there, achieving first place in several of their internship project competitions.

What I can bring are smarts, business and commercial acumen and a bit of colour. I read the FT and Economist daily, keeping abreast of contemporary developments affecting business. I am involved in college societies, where I am an analyst for the Student Managed Fund and The Eagle: Trinity College Law Gazette. I am also heavily involved in scouting, where I help out as a leader and previously achieved The Explorer Belt, the highest accolade in youth scouting. I have reached the quarter final of the mock trial in Trinity. I have taken part in several charitable walks and cycles, and love camping and the outdoors in general. I like singing, and often take part in small musical performances, my favourite being Les Miserables. Rugby and cycling are big interests too. I have good interpersonal skills and was elected class representative for our senior freshman law class. As part of the role I sat on the Law School’s Committee and was subsequently elected a representative to sit on the Law School Undergraduate Committee.

I want to distinguish myself, and training with Byrne Wallace would give me the skills I need to thrive as a successful commercial lawyer in a progressive law firm. I feel confident that I can make a material contribution to the firm’s stated objective of protection and promotion of client interests through the provision of expert legal services. The wide variety of clients – public and private – is a real plus for me. The firm is focussed on areas of law of interest to me, Mergers and Acquisitions and debt capital markets being just two.

I love Asia. I have been given the honour to represent Ireland this December at the inaugural EU-Japan MIRAI cultural and academic exchange programme in Tokyo. I greatly enjoyed my year studying in China and made many friends there, becoming accustomed to their culture and norms. I am currently learning Mandarin, which would be valuable to your firm in attracting clients, given China’s growing demand for Irish financial services, which is an area Byrne Wallace excels in.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application. I really hope to hear back from you.

Yours sincerely,

Liam Roe.