Dear HR Manager,

My name is Louis Coleman, in 2019 completed an MSc in International Law & Business in Sutherland Law School. This was in conjunction with Smurfit Business School, where I took one Business related module per semester. I have enclosed details of the modules I have undertaken in my Curriculum Vitae. The course focused predominantly on highly technical areas of commercial law. My third semester was completed over the summer months where I completed a project with Matheson, in a topic of their choosing. The title of the project was “Emerging Tech: How Robotic Process Automation Fits into Law Firm Operations.” This was an incredibly interesting project as it is an area that is beginning to make huge strides in the legal sphere. During my time there, Matheson were in the process of setting up their own digital services team. I had meetings regularly with several members of the office to offer guidance on my project and to keep Matheson updated on my progress. It was a fantastic experience which also gave me valuable experience in a large commercial law firm.

I studied Corporate Law in NUI Galway in my undergraduate degree. This also focused on commercial aspects of law, which led me to undertake a postgraduate degree in a similar area to further my study.

I completed an internship in the Irish Attorney General's office in the summer of 2018. I was exposed to both corporate and civil aspects of the law. Among many other benefits I derived from my time in the office, it was the corporate aspects of law that captured my interest the most. I was involved in many meetings and cases with members of different departments of government, with city councils and of course members of the Attorney General's office where the issue at hand involved technical commercial issues such as government contract tenders and taxation issues. My exposure to the professionalism and demeanour of Counsel in both a court environment and a negotiating situation was priceless.

I completed 3 months as a paralegal with ByrneWallace in 2019 in the Insolvency & Corporate Restructuring department. This was a hugely beneficial experience for me, it provided real time experience of the operational structure of a corporate law firm. I enjoyed the demanding and fast-paced environment in the office which facilitated genuine job fulfilment from completing tasks to the high standard required by the firm. The particular area of law that my team focused on interested me greatly. It was fascinating to be a part of meetings and conference calls with clients, such as receivers and liquidators, and to experience how the legal theory I have studied in college can be practically applied.

I have therefore experienced the incredible supportive, innovative and learning based environment at ByrneWallace. The firm constantly strives to adapt to the changing legal environment. It is noteworthy that ByrneWallace have achieved a first for the Irish legal profession by becoming the first large Irish firm certified for ISO 27001 by Certification Europe in Ireland and has a culture of excellence which culminated in various awards including inter alia the “Ireland Client Service Award 2017” at the Chambers Europe Awards, Irish Law Awards” Excellence in Client Service Award 2017” and Ireland’s Top Legal Advisors to the Public Sector 2019 for the third consecutive year. Like ByrneWallace, I constantly strive to achieve excellence.

The inclusiveness at the firm is remarkable, I thoroughly enjoyed being part of a team working in cohesion to ensure that every matter was attended to with the highest level of professionalism. I am in no doubt that the culture of the firm is ideally suited to me as a potential trainee eager to begin my journey in the legal sphere, and maximise my potential as a solicitor. I would be incredibly grateful for the chance to do so with a leading and progressive law firm such as ByrneWallace.

On a personal level I am positive, energetic and versatile, attributes that are aligned with the culture and ethos of ByrneWallace. In many aspects of my life, both in work and in sport I have gained leadership & communication skills that have benefitted me in group situations at third level education, and I am confident that I can utilise these qualities to the benefit of the firm.

I have completed four FE-1 exams thus far, and expect to have the remainder completed in the upcoming November sitting.

Yours sincerely,

Louis Coleman.