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61 Merrion Road,  
Ballsbridge,  
Dublin.

Dear Sirs/Madams,

My name is Louisa Hayes. I am a UCD Business and Law Graduate and an LLM Candidate at the University of Edinburgh. I will graduate from my LLM this November (2019). I am currently studying for my final 4 FE1 exams which I will sit in October 2019. This is an application for a Traineeship with your firm. I will outline why I have chosen to pursue corporate law, why I have applied to your programme and tell you a little bit about myself.

### **Why Corporate law**

I have decided to pursue a career in a corporate law firm for three reasons. Firstly, I am interested in corporate law. Secondly, I want to work in an environment that is both challenging and rewarding. Thirdly, I would like to work as part of a team. I completed a double major degree in business and law. Despite having an interest in both, my true interest lies in the field of law relating to business! I enjoyed my corporate law modules at undergraduate and further expanded this knowledge in my LLM. I focused on subjects with real life application such as Corporate Finance Law, International Tax Law, Intellectual Property Law and Cybercrime and Security. I want to be challenged in my job. Corporate law firms are dynamic, fast pace work places. I know the work content is difficult but that this brings with it a high level of satisfaction and sense of achievement. This is important to me from a personal growth and satisfaction point of view, knowing that I am pushing my boundaries and achieving my potential. My preference for collaboration and teamwork has been a deciding factor in choosing the solicitor's route over becoming a barrister.

### **Why Byrne Wallace**

I would like to train in a firm that has a strong reputation, a wide range of practice areas and provides high quality training. Byrne Wallace is ranked in the top three of Irish M&A legal advisers. Furthermore, in the last three years your firm has been recognised as advising on numerous Irish 'Deals of the Year'. This shows you rank highly in the Irish corporate finance transaction field. I want exposure to these kinds of transactions during a traineeship as it ensures a high quality training experience in an environment that cultivates excellence. Your firm's work with the Trilogy Technologies Group in its recent acquisition of Zinopy Security, a specialist provider of cybersecurity, is the kind of work that I have a great interest in. I would like to be part of a team working on multi-faceted transactions and hopefully during my seats would get a well-rounded view of these large-scale transactions. I also think it is of great benefit when a solicitor has a genuine interest and understanding of their client's business. I found the Cybercrime and Cybersecurity module I studied in my LLM fascinating. I covered a broad range of practice areas in my LLM studies and hope to be afforded the opportunity to train in a law firm with the same diversity of practice areas before I specialize. Byrne Wallace's variety of legal departments and work on large-scale transactions ensures this.

### **About you**

I have a strong work ethic. My leaving cert, undergraduate degree, LLM grades thus far are all evidence of this. I am capable of pushing myself. I completed 3 of my FE1s while working full time, and another 1 while studying for a very demanding LLM. I have passed all FE1s that I have sat to date and have thrown myself into studying for my final 4 straight after submitting my LLM dissertation at the end of August. Although I value academics deeply, I also have a holistic approach to life which is evident in my extracurricular activities.

I have a genuine interest in corporate law which has fuelled my pursuit of this career. I project that I will be ready to begin a traineeship by April 2020. In the meantime I plan to paralegal and gain more practical experience. I hope to work at a firm that provides excellence in service, such as Byrne Wallace. I believe I would be a good fit for your firm.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application.

Kind regards,  
Louisa Hayes.