**Cover Letter for the Byrne Wallace Trainee Solicitor Programme Application:**

To who it may concern,

My name is Martin Blonk and I am a recent graduate of National University of Ireland Galway. My time at NUIG has gradually led me to begin pursuing a career at a renowned international corporate law firm like Byrne Wallace.

Byrne Wallace interests me for a variety of reasons. First, Byrne Wallace boasts an impressive variety of practice areas which will allow for significant diversification and professional development. Second, Byrne Wallace has a renowned reputation of delivering an outstanding quality of expertise in the areas it practices in and I wish to be part of a workplace delivering only the highest quality of workmanship. Third, Byrne Wallace has an impressive work-social programme which aims to strike a fine balance between working hard and relaxing after a hard days work. This is the most conducive status-quo to delivering good work. And lastly, Byrne Wallace has an office abroad. The possibility of working and travelling abroad at some time in the future is an opportunity I place great value on.

I believe I would be a good candidate for the Trainee Solicitor Programme offered by Byrne Wallace for a variety of reasons. I have tried and tested experience in a variety of integral skills to any good trainee solicitor. My time in the Defence Forces places great emphasis on close teamwork, effective communication, strong leadership and an ever-present sense of perseverance. These are all part and parcel of any person’s experiences in the Defence Forces and so too are they part and parcel of any good trainee solicitor. My time at Photogenic Inc greatly built up my ability to multitask and interact with clients in a manner conducive to achieving a good outcome for all parties involved, just some more of the key skills and abilities of a successful trainee solicitor.

On a more personal level, I enjoy taking part in a variety of physical activities. Where possible I take part in charity runs such as the NUIG 8k series and the An Coisantoir runs, go on regular hiking and camping trips with friends from the Defence Forces and go to the gym on a regular basis. I also greatly enjoy shooting, a unique opportunity afforded to me as a consequence of my time in the Defence Forces. I have competed in a number of competitions with great success. And lastly, when I am not otherwise engaged I enjoy socializing and playing video games with friends.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Martin Blonk