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Dear Byrne Wallace Traineeship Programme Manager,

I am a final-year student at Trinity College, pursuing a degree in Law and German. Hailing from West Cork, I am keen to join the Byrne Wallace team to apply the skills I have learned during my studies and gain valuable experience in the corporate arena. I can see myself working for a firm like Byrne Wallace because I would enjoy working in a fast-paced environment, being presented with fascinating cases, and building lasting relationships with clients. I have a strong academic background and am proficient in German and Spanish, providing me with a diverse skill set.

My involvement in pharmacy has instilled in me a passion for the healthcare sector. I was particularly drawn to Byrne Wallace's healthcare team due to its many years of experience and consistent Tier 1 ranking. I would find a career in this field particularly rewarding because it makes a real difference to people's lives. For example, I was delighted to see that Byrne Wallace had advised Xeolas Pharmaceuticals Limited on the development of the new Pedippi Omeprazole oral suspension, which is particularly transformative for children in need of the drug but unable to swallow tablets. I have also chosen to write my thesis on reproductive rights in the Irish Constitution. Furthermore, I have experience providing advice in a friendly and accessible manner, making me well-suited to this area.

What attracts me to Byrne Wallace is the firm's status as a front-runner in the public law sector. I am keen to delve into the inner workings of statutory bodies and professional regulation. My role in policy development and document drafting for the Social Democrats has given me a strong foundation in these areas. I have held leadership positions in various societies, including being the Chairperson of Trinity Social Democrats and the Events Officer of the Politics Society. My involvement in Stand Trinity, a charitable organisation, allowed me to spearhead a "Women in Politics" speaker series. As a result, I have had the opportunity to engage with prominent figures in Irish politics, including Senator Lynn Ruane, Holly Cairns TD, and Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD. As a member of the Standing Orders Committee, I am a key organiser of the Social Democrats' National Conference next year.

Living in Germany during my third year was a challenging yet transformative experience. It taught me resilience and adaptability, skills that I believe will be valuable in a legal career. Despite my modules being taught completely in German, I achieved academic success by averaging First Class Honours while also experiencing diverse cultures and countries.

I believe that Byrne Wallace's reputation as a leader in the health and life sciences and public law sectors among many others, aligns well with my aspirations and values. I am confident that my background, experience, and enthusiasm make me a strong candidate for the traineeship programme. My active participation in societies, representing the Social Democrats in college debates, and leadership roles in organising events have honed my skills in collaboration, organisation, and public engagement, making me a valuable asset for Byrne Wallace.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,
Mary Ellen Linzel