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Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Megan Campbell Gantly and I am a final year Law and German student in Trinity College Dublin. I am writing to you to express my interest in applying to your firm’s Traineeship programme; and to outline why I believe myself to be an ideal candidate. Byrne Wallace is an obvious choice for a traineeship. I feel this requires little justification when one considers the firm’s obvious stellar reputation both domestically and internationally. The Firm’s wide selection of areas available to complete a rotation in and the fact that the firm is home to some of Ireland’s most brilliant legal minds, make Byrne Wallace a stand-out choice for a traineeship.

I am certain that commercial law is the career for me. Having now studied a vast array of commercial modules including IP, contract, corporate governance, capital markets, trademark and branding law, also having had the opportunity to study and work abroad, I can say with the utmost certainty that commercial law in Ireland is what I want to pursue. I feel Byrne Wallace would be the perfect place to begin this career. The opportunity to learn from partners and associates and the high calibre of the firm’s clients and lawyers set Byrne Wallace leaps and bounds ahead of the competition for me. While reputation alone would be sufficient to ground my interest in the firm, your firm also has departments in many of the areas that interest me. I am eager to do a rotation in Tax as the international aspect of tax is something which I find very attractive. Having gotten a taste for a wide variety of commercial modules, other areas I would be eager to gain a more in-depth commercial knowledge of include corporate governance and compliance, IP and litigation and dispute resolution. I feel the experience that Byrne Wallace has to offer is unrivalled by many other firms.

To avoid unnecessary repetition of my attached CV, I shall only briefly discuss my work experience in the context of skills I have learned which I believe would be transferable to a career with your firm. I completed Erasmus in Germany’s top university, Humboldt Universitӓt zu Berlin, and obtained an overall 69% grade for the year. I completed all my modules through the German language while also maintaining a part-time job through another language. By proxy of the fact that my college summers have been spent in Germany, be it with working or Erasmus examinations, I have not had the chance to gain as much legal experience as I would like. Despite this, I feel my work experience to date has prepared me well for a legal career. Cultivating client relationships is a strong suit of mine; and throughout my retail career I have garnered many clients who wish to deal with me directly when they revisit the store. I am well capable of sales pitches and representing the needs and interests of clients and customers. I truly believe that presented with the opportunity to enter rotation and find my niche, I would thrive in Byrne Wallace.

Having experience in both academic and sporting teamwork situations, I am an individual who is well capable of working individually within a group to ensure the success of a team as a collective. I have a strong musical interest and a passion for singing; I also play both traditional and classical harp. I have sung solo in the National Concert Hall and had lead roles in school musicals. During my time in secondary school, I captained both basketball and badminton teams to all Ireland finals. I was on the school debating time and was also a member of the science debating board. I would describe myself as an extremely well-rounded individual who thrives in an atmosphere of cooperative teamwork.

I hope to have provided you with a variety of examples which illustrate that I am not only an academically strong candidate, but also a well-rounded and commercially aware individual with real working world experience and maturity far beyond that of most of my peers. I would love the opportunity to progress to interview stage to prove to the trainee team that I am the ideal candidate and would be an asset to the Byrne Wallace team.

Yours faithfully,

Megan Campbell Gantly