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To whom it may concern,

I am applying for the trainee programme beginning in 2020.

I study law with psychology at the University of Limerick and I am currently in my final year of the course. I am due to graduate in 2018 and I am hoping to achieve a 1:1 or 2:1 degree. I then want to sit my FE1s, dividing them up between Autumn 2018 and Spring 2019. All going accordingly, I hope to travel for the remainder of that year and then begin a trainee programme in 2020.

The nature of my degree and studying modules such as company law, International Trade and Investment law but mainly my previous work experience has prepared me for this position as a trainee solicitor. As part of third year in my course, I worked nine months in a Legal Aid Board office dealing with family law and asylum cases and also on the IP/IT and Competition team in A&L Goodbody. These work placements were very different in nature however, after getting an insight into both spectrums, I have decided I would prefer to pursue the corporate route as this is where my interest lies.

The work I did in A&L Goodbody was very similar to that of a trainee and I expect that the work of a trainee solicitor in Byrne Wallace would also be somewhat similar. My main tasks were research, preparing memos, attending on meetings and conference call with clients, contract reviews, preparing booklets for Court, attending events and seminars and many others. My work on the IP/IT team was focused mainly in the area of FinTech and also the new General Data Protection Regulations due to be imposed by May 2018. I believe that my experience in A&L Goodbody has given me a good understanding as to what is expected from a trainee in a corporate law firm and has prepared me for a trainee role.

Byrne Wallace is a prestigious and highly reputable corporate law firm which seeks to deliver a superior level of service to its’ clients in numerous different areas of law. I am keen to build on my work experience while having the opportunity to work with this Irish law firm.

Please see my CV for further information and thank you for considering my application.

Kind regards,

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