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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to apply for a position on your trainee programme. I graduated from UCD in 2019 with a 2:1 honours degree in Business and Law. I am currently in the process of sitting the FE1 exams, having passed both EU and Tort in August 2020. I will be sitting three more exams this November and the remaining three in March 2021.

I have always been interested in law and my undergraduate degree reinforced my desire to pursue a career as a solicitor. The intellectually challenging nature of the work matches my drive and hunger to be constantly challenged. I am passionate about helping others. This is most recently displayed by a charity run I spearheaded during the Covid-19 pandemic which raised €6,377 for The Mater Foundation. In this regard, I have always considered law to be not just a profession, but also a medium through which I can serve individuals, communities and organisations. As such, I am excited by the prospect of using my knowledge, skills and expertise for the benefit of others. I have always been fascinated by how law governs everything we do and how it much constantly adapt to keep up with changing norms in society. This creates new challenges which will push me to learn and develop new skills.

I want to work at Byrne Wallace as it is undoubtedly one of Ireland's leading firms. This is highlighted by the firm being the only top ten law firm in Ireland with Lexcel accreditation. The firm's expertise across all areas of law means I will get the opportunity to work within a broad variety of practise areas and advise a diverse range of clients. This will allow me to make an informed decision on which area of law I would like to specialise in. Current trainees speak about how it has fostered an open and friendly culture, making it very approachable. I believe the best way to learn is often to ask questions and gain knowledge from more experienced individuals. This approachable environment encourages that and is therefore hugely appealing.

My skillset matches that which the firm looks for in trainees. I developed exceptional leadership and time management skills in my role as a football coach, as well as excellent communication skills during my work as a medical administrator. My iPhone screen repair business displayed my strong problem-solving skills. As such, the skillset I possess will allow me to excel in Byrne Wallace.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael O Tighearnaigh

