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Dear Graduate Recruitment,

I hope you have fared well during this difficult year. I am a final year BCL (Law and Society) student at Dublin City University and I am writing to apply for the Trainee Programme at ByrneWallace LLP. I intend to finish my FE1 exams in the year following the conclusion of my third level studies, with the hope to start my training contract in 2023.

Since the age of 14, I had an interest in laws and regulations. I would always question why even the smallest regulations existed in everyday life; this intrigue resulted in me selecting law as part of my GCSE's. As I continued to learn more about the fundamentals of the law, and the integral function of the law in society, I knew this is the career for me, subsequently deciding to pursue third level education in law at Dublin City University (DCU).

Throughout my first and second year at DCU, I worked tirelessly to maintain an academic record of a 2.1 while simultaneously working various jobs and being involved in societies, such as the DCU Law Society as a committee member and, established the DCU Food Society with my peers, being elected as the society's Treasurer. Having the ability to critically analyse different statutes and common law doctrines and interpret their meaning to construct a compelling argument added to the enjoyment of the modules undertaken during my studies, especially Company Law, as I feel like this module aligned the most with my interests.

Furthermore, being given the opportunity to attend the Accelerate Programme organised by Arthur Cox and the A&L Goodbody LawStart Day enabled me to understand the corporate lawyer's role and the groundwork they carry out. This was further developed by my time at Deloitte, as I was exposed to major client deals, which allowed me to expand my legal knowledge through witnessing seasoned partners handle client matters. This experience brought out my inner desire to work in a corporate setting, namely corporate law, as the legal aspects of my corporate tax internship aligned with my skills and interests the most.

There are countless reasons for my interest in ByrneWallace LLP, however, the most significant reason would be that ByrneWallace is one of Ireland's largest full-service law firms, having just been awarded Ireland's top public sector legal firm for the 5th consecutive year. The dedication of the firm regarding the training of its personnel including the hosting of the 'Trainee Insights Webinar' to reach their potential employees is attractive to an aspiring corporate solicitor. A training contract at ByrneWallace LLP would provide me an opportunity to achieve my career ambition of becoming a trainee solicitor at the firm.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours Sincerely,
Monika Szczotka