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Dear Sirs,

I am a final year Business and Law student in University College Dublin and I would like to apply to the ByrneWallace Trainee Programme. By way of introduction, I am a forward thinking, dynamic student, with excellent communication skills and a passion for success; both personally and as part of a team. Having achieved a second class honours in all three years of my study so far, I expect to obtain a high second class honours degree upon graduation. I am applying for the Traineeship Programme not only because ByrneWallace is at the forefront of commercial law in Ireland, but also because of the values the firm appears to embody such as partnership, responsiveness and innovation. I place importance on these values and consistently perform with integrity and at a level of excellence.

I am innovatively and legally minded with an interest in a variety of legal areas. During my 4-week internship in Carley and Connellan Solicitors, I was heavily exposed to legal practice. I developed my legal experience by attending client meetings, submitting legal documentation to the courts and regularly attending court hearings. Having worked as an intern in Dublin, my appetite has been whetted to practice law on a larger and more competitive scale. If my application was to be successful, I would hope to achieve a greater understanding of commercial law and the unique relationship between lawyers and high profile clients. In addition, I would like to develop my commercial judgment, which I feel is one of the most important characteristics of a successful lawyer.

For my last two summers, I have developed my teamwork, leadership and communication skills. I have worked in Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club in New York for both summers coaching a group of eight high performance junior sailors. My position as a race coach meant that I was an integral part to the team of highly qualified instructors. Within this team environment, I regularly had to adopt a leadership role. I was responsible for planning logistics for regattas and ensuring the absolute safety of participants during sessions. In addition, I had to provide constant feedback to the senior instructor, instil confidence in each sailor and also liaise with each sailor’s parents.

I am currently the UCD Tennis Men’s Captain. I play on the 1st Team and achieved an underage national ranking of 7. From being on the court at such an early age, tennis has taught me how to compete, be ambitious and to be a team player. Furthermore, it has given me a wealth of life long friends and has allowed me to give back to the sport through coaching. My current position as Tennis Captain has developed my organisational and problem solving skills.

In rugby, I played for the Blackrock College Senior 2nd Team and we won the Leinster Trophy. Playing rugby from a young age taught me to be highly ambitious and to enjoy the camaraderie of being part of a team. Rugby has also allowed me to give back to society. It acted as a gateway for me to genuinely contribute to charity as I annually competed in the tag rugby competition for the UCD Law/Business and Law Day in Aid of Temple Street and it led me to becoming a committee member for the event in 2015.

Byrne Wallace is an award winning firm that builds on integrity and experience. I would relish the opportunity to gain experience in a firm that is at the cutting edge of the Irish legal industry and has an in-depth knowledge of a wide range of legal areas. I feel that I would flourish in the firm’s cohesive and competitive environment and would learn to work at the standard of excellence that is associated with Byrne Wallace.

Thank you for considering my application and please contact me with any questions. References for my CV and letter are available on request.

Kind Regards,

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