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DEAR GRADUATE RECRUITMENT MANAGER,

I am writing to express my ardent interest in the Solicitor Trainee Programme offered by Byrne Wallace. My name is Owen Donal Forde, and I am confident that my academic achievements and professional background align with Byrne Wallace's commitment to excellence, making me a strong candidate for this position.

Firstly, I have a strong academic background allied to a rich cultural awareness. I completed my Bachelor in Law and French at University College Cork with first-class honours and ranked second in the class of 2022. I also studied at Université de Rennes I, France, during my undergraduate studies. I subsequently earned the title of 'Master of Laws', maintaining a GPA of 8.0 in the LLM in European Law at the Europa Institute, Leiden University, Netherlands. My educational background attests to my in-depth knowledge and legal writing skills, positioning me well for success in this role. My academic publications in the field of human rights law, for instance, provide further evidence of this.

Secondly, I have tangible practical experience. I have worked with two commercial law firms in Cork and have worked under Judge Suzanne Kingston of the General Court, Court of Justice of the European Union. Over the course of these experiences, I have honed my skills in legal research, in particular; as well as drafting legal documentation, problem-solving, critical thinking, and fostering relationships with clients.

The Trainee Programme offered by Byrne Wallace stands out for its strong emphasis on training, continuous professional development and, in particular, the scope for long-term career progression within the firm. Against this backdrop, I view this opportunity as a pivotal moment in my burgeoning legal career, offering invaluable insights into the legal profession and providing me with the requisite competencies to become a successful solicitor. In return, I am eager to leverage my legal expertise and skills to contribute to Byrne Wallace's client-focused and innovative legal work, while continuing to grow professionally within the firm.

I appreciate both your time and consideration and look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours sincerely,

Owen Forde
