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Dear Sir/Madame,

I’m writing to you to apply for a place as a trainee at ByrneWallace. I have completed a Bachelor of Civil Law in NUI Galway where I obtained an overall degree result of a 2:1 (66%) and achieved a 68% average in my final year of study. I’m currently attending UCD and completing an MSc International Law and Business which I will complete in 2019 and I plan on sitting my FE-1’s in 2019 also.

I believe I would be an exceptional fit in this prominent organisation as my commitment to innovation, efficiency and excellence closely mirrors the ethos of this firm. More specifically, my interests at undergraduate level was primarily in the areas of intellectual property, information technology, banking and company law and I have explored these areas further in my postgraduate studies. I’m currently studying corporate governance and international financial law in UCD’s Sutherland Law School as well as completing modules in project management and international business strategy in Smurfit Business School. I was very impressed with the section on your website regarding corporate governance due to the expansive and inclusive nature of your considerations. Regard was given for all stakeholders’ not just shareholders and this attitude of marrying profitability with sustainability has proved over time to be the most economically responsible and profitable manner of conducting business. Furthermore, as part of studying corporate governance, an increasingly significant emphasis is being placed on board diversity and I was impressed to learn that ByrneWallace were the first big law firm in Ireland to achieve gender balanced partnership as it highlights this firm as progressive and as a meritocracy.

By completing work placements with various solicitors ranging from Limerick to Galway to Dublin I have experience working in diverse environments which I’m confident has prepared me to thrive in constantly evolving scenarios and situations. While studying business strategy I’ve developed a greater appreciation for innovation both in its ability to increase efficiency and also predicting and exploiting opportunities in new markets. ByrneWallace is a progressive firm and I aim to be an innovative, reliable and high – achieving trainee.

In conclusion, I believe I have the business acumen, legal knowledge and work ethic to excel in this firm as a trainee and in a larger role going forward.

Yours faithfully,

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Owen O’Hanrahan