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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to apply for a position as a trainee in this firm. I have completed all eight of my FE1 examinations, sitting my first four exams in October 2019 and three more in March 2020. My final exam, tort law, was rescheduled to August due to the ongoing health crisis. My masters' degree; MSc International Law and Business (First-Class honours) and Bachelor of Civil Law degree accelerated my passion for law and the FE1 examination solidified my dedication to becoming a solicitor. I am eager to begin my training contract in 2021.

Several factors have motivated me to apply for a traineeship with ByrneWallace. First and foremost, it is evident that ByrneWallace is an innovative and dynamic, full-service law firm. This excites me as it ensures that I would receive the highest quality of training available. Furthermore, ByrneWallace's online presence throughout the preceding six months has undoubtedly, been the most prominent amongst Irish law firms. Posting updates, articles and insights reassured their clients and prospective trainees of their resilience despite the uncertainty amidst a global pandemic. My interests in law are primarily in the areas of company and contract law. More specifically, the areas of banking and financial law, commercial contracts, intellectual property law and insolvency and restructuring law. The more innovative and exclusive aspects associated with ByrneWallace works, such as being the only top ten law firm in Ireland with Lexcel accreditation and also the first and only large Irish law firm certified with ISO 27001 by Certification Europe in Ireland demonstrate a clear vision for success which permeates through this firm.

I believe that my ability to communicate with others is one of my strongest attributes and my experiences in professional settings have helped me to improve these skills even more so. In order to progress as a trainee in a commercial firm, I understand the importance of determination. In order to accelerate my career, I challenged myself to study and sit the FE1 exams, simultaneous to completing my Masters' thesis, displaying my motivation for career in law. Thanks to my organisational and time-management skills, I excelled, obtaining an A+ grade for my thesis as well as passing my first four FE1s.

I believe I have the academic qualifications, professional skills and commercial acumen to excel in this firm as a trainee and in a larger role in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Owen O'Hanrahan