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Dear Sir or Madam;

My Name is Padraic Daly. I am writing to apply for a traineeship with Byrne Wallace. I am a recent law graduate of Trinity College Dublin and I am currently employed as a paralegal with the leading commercial firm LK Shields. I will begin to sit my FE1 exams in March 2018.

I have been very interested in law since an early age as I find it to be both intellectually stimulating and particularly suited to my talents and work ethic. I have been fortunate enough to work in a legal environment in both a medium sized regional law firm (McDonough & Breen) and a large commercial law firm (A&L Goodbody). In the latter, I got a taste of what I believe a commercial law firm represents, by dealing with large scale transactions on a daily basis.

I have the necessary skills to complement my interest in the law. Academically, I have consistently achieved commendable results at both school and university level. I have received awards for such achievements. I worked hard last year to ensure that my grades offered a true reflection of my ability. My graded work last year yielded high 2.1 and 1st results.

I am very self-motivated and have always been an extremely hard worker. From working in a busy convenience store just outside of Dublin, while balancing the rigorous study which comes with university, I have proven that I thrive in fast-paced, intensive environments and I am able to manage my time both efficiently and effectively. These are qualities which I believe are necessary to succeed at a firm like Byrne Wallace

I believe my experiences to date make me an ideal candidate. My series of jobs in the services industry has helped foster a passion for dealing with people. My position as Trinity SMF risk analyst allowed me to identify problems and find solutions with the help of my team members. Moreover my political involvement is illustrative of the fact that I value issues that are important to all. My appointment to the editorial board of The Eagle further exhibits my drive and determination to succeed something which I believe is needed when wanting to become a commercial lawyer with a firm Like Byrne Wallace

My conversations with Byrne Wallace employee, Diarmaid Harnett and former intern Dervla Collins, has lead me to believe that the trainee programme ran by Byrne Wallace is the most attractive and most rewarding on offer in Ireland. Having attended the open evening in the firm last October this reinforced my earlier desire to apply for the programme. Byrne Wallace differentiates itself from other firms through its proactive approach to the development of its employees due to the emphasis they place on continued learning and encouragement of asking questions. Byrne Wallace’s positive working environment which promotes the values of integrity and performance, sets Byrne Wallace apart from the rest of the Irish legal profession as recognised at the Irish Legal Awards where the firm was awarded firm of the year in 2016. I relish the opportunity presented by the traineeship programme to embark on my legal career with a true behemoth of the Irish legal system

Thank you for considering my application and I look forward to receiving any further correspondence,

Yours Sincerely,

Padraic Daly