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To Whom it may concern,

My name is Patrick Bowden and I am a third year Law plus student in the University of Limerick. I am writing to you today to apply for a position within your firm for your traineeship programme. What sparked my interest in the programme was the excellent training opportunities within the firm. After completing my work placement in KTA I knew that I enjoyed working in a goal-oriented environment. I felt that working towards a hard deadline in the commercial sector gave me brilliant experience in managing my own time and organising my work within a team. In KTA I also learnt how to research a relevant issue and present it to a team. This was a skill I got a lot of practice in recently, in researching how the recent government budget affected our clients and then presenting it to the rest of the staff.

The prospect of training in a top law firm is extremely exciting as it would provide me with a great insight into the commercial law industry. I feel I would be well suited to this role because of my strong teamwork skills, my hardworking nature and my interest in the commercial field. I feel that I have developed my ability to work well in a team by my participation in hurling and golf teams and also by being a captain of these teams. I am a competitive and committed individual and I feel that the hard work I have shown in training over the years has shown this, particularly in golf as this is such an individualistic sport where you have to really motivate yourself.

Completing a degree in law (Plus) has been of great benefit to me throughout my time in UL. Having selected Public administration and Leadership as my ongoing plus for the four years I feel that I have gained a unique insight into the government not only of Ireland but also abroad, particularly the EU. I feel like these degree options complement each other quite well and the knowledge I gain from one helps me better understand and comprehend the other. I found this particularly useful while working in KTA as it helped me quickly understand various tax legislation which applied to our clients.

Being able to obtain excellent grades while working part time and financially securing my education proves that I am a flexible and well organised individual. A work life balance is vital in today's world and I have proven to be able to obtain this by both continuing to further my studies and also participate in extracurricular activities such as being on the committee of the UL law society. As a member of the committee I have assisted in the organisation of various events and talks for our members as well as co-ordinating with our various sponsors to make these events possible. I think that being a part of this committee has done a great job of improving my confidence to share my ideas in a group and be able to build on the ideas of others.

I hope to have the opportunity to interview with you for the traineeship programme. I thank you for taking the time to review my application and look forward to hearing from you soon

Yours Sincerely,

Patrick Bowden