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Galway,

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Byrne Wallace,
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Dear Byrne Wallace Traineeship Selection Team,

I am a LLB graduate of the National University of Ireland, Galway and I am writing to apply for a position on the firm's traineeship programme. I attach my CV for your consideration.

My immediate career goal is to qualify as a solicitor practising in commercial law and I believe that training with Byrne Wallace represents an excellent opportunity to realise this. A Byrne Wallace traineeship would offer the advantages and learning opportunities of joining a leading Irish business law firm, which has been consistently recognized for client service excellence. The firm's diverse client portfolio, which includes many high-profile public and private sector entities, would also provide interesting illuminating work. My studies and professional experience to date have led me to develop particular interests in banking law, employment law, IT law, and property law, which feature among Byrne Wallace's areas of expertise. The firm's traineeship would potentially yield experience of working in these sections of the legal services sector. Furthermore, joining Byrne Wallace could offer possible opportunities to train in other interesting practice specialisms like dispute resolution, insolvency, or healthcare law. More broadly, I am drawn to the significant emphasis your firm places on trainee professional development and mentorship.

I have a strong academic record in law. I achieved a high 2.1 in my LLB and I have passed seven of the eight FE-1 subjects to date. My legal studies, my prior experience of working in collaborative environments in academic research, and my extra-curricular pursuits all provide me with many of the requisite skills to be a successful trainee solicitor with Byrne Wallace. As the holder of a doctorate in English, I am adept at written and oral communication and have an extensive track record of engaging with a variety of audiences and interest groups. The publication, mentorship, and public engagement endeavours I pursued over the course of my postdoctoral fellowship post at Trinity College Dublin offered significant opportunities to develop teamwork, project management, and advisory skills in a dynamic, deadline-focused setting. Throughout my legal studies, I have sought to further hone these skills by participating in FLAC initiatives, commercial law internships, and the delivery of law tutorials at NUI, Galway. As my interest in business law has grown, I have looked to sharpen my commercial awareness by remaining au fait with the opportunities and challenges faced by companies operating in Ireland and internationally. In addition, I started the Advanced Diploma in Applied Employment Law at King's Inns this October to continue my professional development in a key commercial law area.

I am available for interview in the coming weeks. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

