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Dear Graduate Recruitment Manager,

I am a final year student at Trinity College Dublin writing to apply for a training contract with Byrne Wallace. I have attached my curriculum vitae for your perusal.

I am interested in pursuing a corporate law career as I have always been fascinated by the intricacies of law and how everyday life is governed. My degree in Middle Eastern and European Languages has provided me with an unparalleled opportunity to study two important languages used for global trade and development, which has made me passionate about the commercial relationship between Ireland and the Middle East. I am excited to work on cross border transactions and delve into complex legal cases while furthering my interest in business and law.

Throughout university, I have explored a career in law through two legal internships, my involvement in FLAC and three online corporate law programmes. Although I am not studying law, I have sought practical legal experience and developed my passion for commercial law. My work with FLAC has taught me advanced research and drafting skills, and familiarised me with OSCOLA referencing. During my summer internships, I have honed my legal writing skills while improving my commercial awareness. I have developed communication skills as I interacted with clients during meetings and worked with fee earners in a professional capacity. Undertaking online commercial law programmes exposed me to various corporate practice areas while improving my time management abilities. As a prospective trainee, I will continue to develop my competencies in the areas of collaboration, time management, research and writing while embracing the ethics and values of Byrne Wallace.

I am passionate about working in a leading global firm, as I have studied abroad on two continents. Furthermore, I would value the opportunity to participate in BW's induction programme which will introduce me to the way the firm works, the systems that are used and more importantly, will give me the skills to use our state-of-the-art research resources. During my summer internship, I was an active member of the firm's green committee, book club, tag rugby team and LGBT+ society. I would love the opportunity to be an active member of Byrne Wallaces social life, and engage with its sports clubs such as tennis and tag rugby. In addition to this, the opportunity to submit preferences means that I can influence the direction of my traineeship and identify my strengths. I hope that a traineeship would allow me to explore a variety of departments and solidify my career in the firm.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I am available for any questions you may have, I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,  
Rebecca Cleere