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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a final-year law student at the University of Limerick and am writing to apply for a traineeship with Byrne Wallace in Dublin. I learned about your law firm through the various on campus events that the firm has held as well as the careers fair. Completing a traineeship at Byrne Wallace would allow me to advance my interest in all aspects of law as I understand your firm is very progressive in the areas you practice. I would describe myself as someone who is intellectually curious and always seeking to learn more than just what is required of me.

The rotations which a trainee completes over the course of their traineeship with Byrne Wallace is one of the many reasons why I wish to become a trainee at this particular firm. During the course of my studies there were particular areas that grabbed my attention and were the most intellectually stimulating for me. Among those subjects was intellectual property law which despite traditionally being a module thought to post-graduate legal students in UL, I excelled in. I also have a keen interest in corporate practice as well as litigation.

I feel confident that I could contribute substantively to the work of your office while strengthening the skills I’ll need for a career in law, and I feel given the firms excellent reputation not only as an employer but as a legal service provider that this is indeed the place I wish to complete my traineeship. As somewhat of a perfectionist and someone who sets large goals for themselves working at a firm of this calibre is a goal I have had since before even undertaking my law degree.

I have heard legal traineeships be described as “tough but incredibly rewarding”, this is exactly what I am looking for in a traineeship. Although, truth be told I am currently looking beyond the traineeship stage into full time employment with Byrne Wallace because I believe it is important to not only set short-term but also more long-term goals. This determination and forward thinking is just one of the reasons why I believe I would be an exemplary trainee at Byrne Wallace.

One particular aspect of Byrne Wallace that stood out to me above all other firms was the diversity and volunteering programmes that the firm undertakes. In particular the fact that charitable giving and volunteerism are part of the Byrne Wallace culture including working with some of my personal favourite charities like Special Olympics Ireland makes me even more eager to work as a trainee for Byrne Wallace.

I have enclosed a resume highlighting my education and work experience. I hope to have the opportunity to interview with you for a traineeship position. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Lalor.