**Balfour, Ferndale road, Rathmichael, Dublin 18**

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Byrne Wallace

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my interest in applying for a traineeship at Byrne Wallace. I am a final year student of BCL Law and Philosophy in University College Dublin and am pursuing a career with a corporate law firm. As a company boasting great prestige and being one of Ireland’s leading law firms I believe training at Byrne Wallace is the best way for me to start my career and fulfil my potential.

I have a particular interest in corporate law due to the emphasis on business. I recognise that a large law firm like Byrne Wallace is also a business selling a service. Coming from a family of advertisers and marketers I have an inherent interest in selling both myself and those who I represent. By the time I have graduated from university I will have studied modules such as contract law, company law, consumer law, intellectual property law, property law and employment law, all of which are relevant to your firm’s practice areas. I am keenly interested in intellectual property law and although I am happy to train in any department, it’s an area I aspire to one day practice in. I plan to graduate in 2017 with a 2.1 GPA.

Furthermore I believe I have many of the skills necessary to work with a large corporate law firm. Studying philosophy as well as law has given me the ability to think analytically, something I believe gives me an edge over other law graduates. I am excellent at planning and organisation and have exhibited this by planning multiple student trips abroad for groups ranging from 5 people to 35.

 I am extremely capable of working effectively in a team both in sporting and professional environments. Through my part-time job and while running a student website I have grown accustomed to working with others to achieve a common goal. On top of this I consider myself a natural leader and will never hesitate to step up and take charge of

a situation if I see myself fit to do so.. I believe that my skill set applies perfectly to working at a premium law firm such as Byrne Wallace.

I am ambitious and willing to work hard to achieve my goals, something I have been doing since I decided I wanted to pursue a career in law when I was just 15 years old. Therefore the prospect of beginning my career with a firm as prestigious as Byrne Wallace is the type of wonderful opportunity which I would love to seize.

Thank you for taking the time to read this cover letter and my CV. I look forward to hearing your response.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Killeen