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To the Manager of the Trainee Programme,

My name is Robert Hughes. I am writing to apply for a traineeship position with Byrne Wallace. I have recently completed my final sitting of FE1’s. I graduated from NUIG in 2017, where I studied Corporate Law, achieving a high 2.1 (67%) grade, finishing 3rd overall in my graduating class*.* I am currently due to commence a fixed 12-month contract working in commercial property for a corporate law firm in Dublin.

It has long been an ambition of mine to be involved in the legal profession. I became aware of Byrne Wallace by virtue of the stature of the firm within the Irish corporate legal landscape. Furthermore, I gained a stronger sense of the key aspects of the firm through college open days. The dual aspect of studying not only the intricacies of law but also areas of business where the two interact as part of my corporate law degree, has provided me with an even greater appreciation of both disciplines.

Having worked in the professional services industry in both a business and legal capacity, I have gained valuable experience and exposure to the inner workings and procures of the industry. Over the last 18 months I have worked in several different roles, within legal firms of varying competences and structuring. Being placed in challenging, yet rewarding, real life scenarios I continuously push myself into new and challenging environments. Whether it be competing at an elite level in sports, working abroad, moving away for college or taking up new hobbies such as debating or boxing, highlights my ability to join a group, team or situation and to excel and add value.

Being one of the principal standard-bearers in Irish Commercial law, is a testament to Byrne Wallace, making it an incredibly attractive place in which to continue my legal career. The plethora of accolades awarded to Byrne Wallace throughout the years, clearly attest to my above statement. I would thoroughly relish the opportunity to work in a firm engaged in the legal aspect of corporate business of the highest magnitude.

The overall layout of the Traineeship programme also appears both interesting and stimulating. The hands on approach will be immensely beneficial to me in choosing the correct career path within the legal world.

A traineeship with Byrne Wallace would be the perfect official start to my legal career and is something that I would be delighted to have the opportunity to be involved in. I thank you in advance for reviewing my application and look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely,

Robert Hughes.