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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a final year Business and Law student at University College Dublin. I aim to achieve my goal of a 2.1 degree, my current Grade Point Average is 3.2 which, if maintained, will realize this aim. I learnt of your prospective trainee positions at the careers' fair in UCD and was immediately impressed. I am writing to you in the hope of obtaining such a traineeship.

I am a well rounded individual. My interests include golf and hockey, I have played hockey at a high level and have represented Ireland at under 16,18, 21 levels and have also been 'capped' for the Senior Irish team. I currently play for Three Rock Rovers' Hockey Club in the newly formed 'Ernst Young Irish hockey league', which is the premier club level played in the country. I was also awarded a hockey scholarship to UCD and was a member of the UCD Ad Astra Academy. This sporting involvement gives me a hard working mentality as well as teaching me perseverance, dedication and commitment. I am also comfortable and familiar with working and leading in an intense team environment.

Although I have no legal work experience I have worked in other sectors highlighted in my CV. These previous jobs include coaching hockey to a wide variety of teams. Coaching has given me a number of skills such as: patience, excellent communication skills and being magnanimous in victory and defeat. I have also worked as an assistant green keeper in Kilmashogue Golf Club which taught me routine. I also had to make independent decisions, of which I was accountable to the Head Green Keeper as well as the members.

If I was selected to practice as a trainee in Byrne Wallace, I feel I could make a valuable contribution and utilise my various skills for the benefit of the firm. I also feel this opportunity could help me develop my skills further. A key factor in my decision to apply is the high reputation Byrne Wallace has for training and developing aspiring solicitors. I feel I would thrive under the pressure and expiation of working in one of Irelands largest law firms.

Thank you for considering my request and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Ross Canning.