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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to apply for a position as a trainee in Byrne Wallace. After looking at the various trainee testimonials and overview of the programme I believe that myself and Byrne Wallace are a perfect match.

I have just graduated with a 2.1 in Business and Law from UCD and aim to undertake my first four Fe-1 examinations in March. Business and Law has equipped me the analytical and advocacy skills that arise from studying law, and the numeracy and financial attributes taken from a business degree. When choosing to study Business and Law my main motivation for studying a course a required a wide ranging skill was to avoid becoming pigeon holed. The diversity of practice areas and clients in Byrne Wallace will allow me to continue to avoid becoming one dimensional and ensure I become skilled in a wide variety of practice areas.

I want to work at a firm where I am challenged on a daily basis. During my four years in UCD and my sporting career, I’ve grown used to an environment where I am tested daily and taken beyond my comfort zone. I would like to be able to continue to be challenged as I feel this is the best environment for me to learn. Having been awarded Law Firm of the Year 2016 I believe working in Bryne Wallace would be a rewarding challenge.

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.

I have worked in a wide range of jobs as 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, and the ability to work under time restrictions. I also had to make independent decisions, of which I was accountable to the Head Green Keeper as well as the members.

Altogether, I believe my intellect, passion and people skills makes me well suited to work in a busy legal environment. Thank you for considering my request and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Ross Canning.