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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Saoirse McGrath and I am writing to you to express my interest in a place in the Byrne Wallace Trainee Programme. I am currently in the Final Year of my four-year LLB programme in Maynooth University. I feel that I have a number of skills which are beneficial for a career in law and hope that I can bring these to your firm. I have strong organisational skills which are clearly evidenced in my ability to maintain balance between my employment and my study over the course of my degree. I have learned the value of setting goals and carefully organising my study in order to yield the best possible results. My position in AIB has often required me to work long hours and commit myself to projects. However, this has never had an impact on my academic progress due to my dedication to careful planning and objectives.

In addition, over the course of my study I have had the opportunity to pursue a number of diverse modules and find the areas of law which most interest me. In the process of deciding what area of law I intended to pursue my final year research project on, I was forced to reflect on my own interests and examine what really appealed to me. While this seemed daunting from the outset, it quickly became clear that commercial law held my attention. The constantly changing nature of the commercial industry allows a prospective solicitor to continue their professional development far beyond their traineeship. For example, the innovations in the area of company law brought about by the introduction of the Companies Act 2014, as well as the implications of GDPR on business practices, expose practitioners to a broad range of unique new legal issues.

I became aware of Byrne Wallace at a careers fair which was held by my University in my First Year. Upon meeting your representatives and discussing the ethos and work undertaken by the firm, it quickly became clear that Byrne Wallace would be my first choice for my future professional development. As you will see from my attached CV, I have been in employment with AIB for the last two and a half years. This position has allowed me to engage in a number of projects and has empowered me to take initiative and work independently in a fast-paced environment. Not only this, but my work with Allied Irish Bank has given me a valuable insight into the areas of commercial and corporate practice which are closely aligned with the work carried out by Byrne Wallace. I have developed a keen interest in the areas of banking and financial law, and asset management and I feel that the skills I have cultivated through my study and employment would be easily transposed into my future traineeship.

In conclusion, I would like to sincerely thank you for considering my application. I am confident in my ability to be a valuable addition to your training programme and feel that I would benefit from entering my law career under the careful guidance of a such a prestigious firm.

Yours Sincerely,

Saoirse McGrath