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To whom it may concern,

I wish to apply for the position of trainee in Byrne Wallace. As can be seen from my CV and application I am currently studying an LLM in International and Comparative Law in Trinity College Dublin having just completed my law degree in Trinity College Dublin achieving a 2.1.

I feel that I would be a good addition to the Byrne Wallace team due to my drive, motivation and genuine interest in the practice areas of the firm. Over the course of my undergraduate degree I had the opportunity to study a wide array of subjects including administrative law, environmental law, child law, IT law, company law and land law. I feel that the academic knowledge that I have gained from these studies would be a strong asset and would provide me with a firm foundation with which I can thrive in Byrne Wallace. I decided to continue my education journey and pursue a masters in law placing particular emphasis on international and comparative law. To date I am thoroughly enjoying this experience as it has provided me with the opportunity to build on my existing knowledge of some areas of law but also to explore whole new areas. I am taking modules in an array of different areas of law from Mergers & Acquisitions and Data Protection Law to International Criminal law and Refugee Law.

I would relish the opportunity to pursue my training contract in Byrne Wallace. The varied practice of the firm is the primary reason as the numerous practice areas delve into every sector of the Irish and International economy. Due to my interest in current affairs and politics I have developed an awareness of the issues facing these sectors and as Byrne Wallace is so heavily involved in their change and evolution the opportunity to witness what it is like at the legal coalface of these sectors is an opportunity I could not afford to miss. Also, as a scout leader I have an interest in child welfare and so that fact that Byrne Wallace is the only major law firm to practice in this area is a major reason as to why I would like to pursue a traineeship in your firm.

I hope you consider my application and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

Your sincerely,  
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