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Firm Name: Byrne Wallace LLP

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Dear Recruitment Manager,

I am a 3rd year Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) Law & Business student at Maynooth University. I am writing here to apply for the 2023 Traineeship Programme at Byrne Wallace LLP. When reviewing the position requirements and your firms' website, I was excited to find that my academic qualifications, extracurricular activities, and personal strengths make me an ideal candidate.

I decided to study Law & Business while I was in Secondary School because it combined my two passions- Law and Business. As a Law and Business student, I have acquired skills in research, organising, presenting, problem-solving, and time management. I am currently averaging a 1st class grade in my business modules and a 2.1 grade in my law modules.

I developed an interest in watching true crime videos and documentaries at the age of 15. I was always fascinated in cases and after watching the documentaries and videos I would search up the cases and learn as much as I could about every single one of them. My love for true crime cases steered up my passion to want to help people that I have always had and want to get justice for them.

My passion for Law and Business is also evident in the societies that I am a part of at University. I was on the committee for the European Law Students Association (ELSA) as the First Year Representative. Being on the committee allowed me to help organise the International Negotiation Competition 2020 in Maynooth. I was also given the opportunity to be a Timekeeper for the rounds and this gave me the opportunity to watch the negotiation going

on in each round and get a real understanding of what was going on. This role improved my communication and listening skills as I was the liaison between the society and other first years. I was also the secretary for Enactus Maynooth in my second year. My multitasking skills were used in this role as I had the duty of dealing with the day-to-day running of the society. This has allowed me to become an even more organised person and someone that the society could rely on.

Over the summer of 2019, I spent a month shadowing a lawyer at a Law Firm in Nigeria. While at this firm, I was given the opportunity to understand the Law system in Nigeria and it really made me appreciate the Irish law system. One of the many problems of the Justice System there, is that there is Judicial Corruption, the Judges tend to use their official positions to enhance their incomes and power in society. Another issue that caught my attention was physical intimidation by judicial officers in manipulating the judges. Unfortunately, the trials in Nigeria never happen within a reasonable time.

Having witnessed all these, one of my visions upon the completion of my education is to support the country with my knowledge of a fair Justice System the people truly deserve and restore hope in the Nigerian Justice System.

I would appreciate the opportunity to have an interview at your earliest convenience and discuss this position and my qualifications with you further. I am excited to contribute my talents and qualifications towards your organisation on a Traineeship Programme. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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