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Byrne Wallace
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Dear Ms. Loftus,

Application for Traineeship Programme beginning 2022

I am a Final Year UCD BCL Law with History student, and I am writing to apply for your 2022 Traineeship Programme. I am a passionate, dedicated, hard worker with a diverse background spanning multiple legal systems who is looking to begin a career with a commercial firm in Ireland. As one of Ireland's best firms, I believe that training with Byrne Wallace would give me the best possible start to my law career.

Compared to other large firms, one advantage of Byrne Wallace is that it is active in more sectors ranging from EU Law to Financial Regulation to Property. I would definitely appreciate the opportunity to gain practical experience with various sectors of commercial law as I prepare to decide on a particular specialty. I have spent the past two years exploring different aspects of law and attempting to figure where my future lies. During the past year I had the opportunity to delve into family law through interning for Judge Bridget Sullivan in the Family Justice Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Concurrently, I gained experience with worker's compensation while clerking for a small firm called Atkinson Gerber Law Office in the suburbs of Minnesota. Although both roles intrigued me and taught me a great deal including helping me to enhance my writing and organization skills, they were not my fit.

While in Minnesota, I also had the opportunity to take two interesting classes which did confirm my path in commercial law: Contract Drafting and Financial Regulation. In Contract Drafting, we explored issues within contracts, progress made in private international law, and the role of the European Union within private transactions. Additionally, I took a class in Financial Regulation, a joint collaboration between the University of Minnesota and UCD, taught by professors from both universities, which involved comparisons between the Irish and American regulation expectations and procedure. Both of these classes confirmed my realisation that I wish to work in Ireland in the commercial and financial sectors.

Finally, the prospect of personal interaction with solicitors at the firm and guidance in honing all the skills required to excel in commercial and financial law, make me feel certain that Byrne Wallace's trainee programme would prove the best possible way to begin the next step towards reaching my future goals.

Yours sincerely,

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