Cover letter:

Dear Sir/Madam

I am applying to become a trainee for Byrne Wallace as I want to pursue a career as a solicitor. Since almost day one of starting my studies in National University of Ireland Galway, I have told that I should aim high if I want to have a successful career as a solicitor. Obviously, this has never been outrighted stated to us or to me but it is the general vibe that is given off by our course coordinator and by our lecturers who sometimes give us some guidance. So of course, I told myself that I would submit an application to Byrne Wallace and attempt to get going on the right path for my career as I have seen from your website and also from discussing with a pair of your employees at a laws fair in National University of Ireland Galway and they really sold the vision of your firm to me.

I know before you even read this cover letter, that my grades from my undergraduate were under the desired grade of a II.I degree, I hope just to explain myself for my own shortcomings. I was immature and ignorant to the importance of studying at the start of second year, it wasn’t until the results from semester one came back that I realised how much work I needed to put in, my average after semester one was 50.5%, which was abysmal in my opinion. I improved at the end of semester two and my average for those set of exams was 56.5%, which was a large improvement but was still below what I could achieve. In final year, even with two results going well off what I aimed to get after studying more than adequately for them, my average was still just at 61.9%. I was pleased with this result, owing to two results going awry (Consumer law and policy and Buyer behaviour analysis). I knew when the results came back last June that I would be close to the II.I overall and that it would be down to getting two or three marks more in five of my modules. Obviously, this didn’t happen or I would have got a II.I degree instead of the II.II that I have ended up with. It was my own fault for the slip up in second year and I think in hindsight that I was still immature back then. I am currently in the process of studying for the LLB and I will get a II.I at least this year. I have no notion of allowing myself to end up with anything less and to prove this, since I applied last time, my results for semester I of the LLB has arrived, my average was 65%. So, I just hope that you take this into consideration of my immaturity in my undergraduate.

Finally, I just want to say thanks for taking the time to read this. I really do want to be a trainee for Byrne Wallace and to pursue a career with the best law firm in Ireland, I don’t know how else to explain myself of why I want to be a trainee besides the fact that I would love to be a trainee in Byrne wallace and to become a highly recognised professional.

Signing off,

Simon Bourke-Murphy,