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| 01/10/2023  Ciara Loftus  HR Manager  ByrneWallace LLP  88 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2  T: +353 1 691 5000 | I am writing to express my sincere interest in the Trainee Solicitor position at ByrneWallace. As a top-ranking law graduate with a deep passion for law and a proven record of academic excellence, I am eager to embark on a career journey with ByrneWallace, a firm renowned for its commitment to legal excellence.  My own legal journey has been marked by a commitment to excellence and a dedication to expanding my legal acumen. My LL.M. from Trinity College Dublin, where I achieved the programme's highest ranking, highlights my exceptional conscientiousness, comprehensive legal knowledge, ambition, and dedication. Complementing this, I hold an LL.B. (First Class Honours) from South East Technological University and have successfully completed the Supreme Court's Chief Justice Placement Programme.  During my LL.M. studies, I excelled across a diverse array of law modules, including EU Financial Services Law, Data Protection: Law Policy, EU Employment Law, EU Aviation Law, Law and Risk, and AI, Ethics, Regulation. These experiences have honed my legal acumen across broad legal domains, making me well-prepared to contribute effectively to a dynamic legal setting.  My LL.M. thesis, titled "Privacy in Peril: Unveiling Fundamental Shortcomings of the European Commission's Proposed Artificial Intelligence Act," received a prestigious distinction with a remarkable grade of 75%. This research critically assessed the effectiveness of the Proposed AI Act in safeguarding privacy rights of EU citizens, highlighting my analytical abilities in handling contemporary and evolving legal challenges.  Furthermore, my involvement in the Chief Justice Placement Programme at the Superior Courts of Ireland allowed me to gain invaluable experience as a personal assistant to Hon. Mr. Justice Michael Quinn and Hon. Mr. Justice Conor Dignam of the High Court. I conducted comprehensive legal research, attended court proceedings, and assisted the judges within chambers, showcasing my ability to work diligently in a team and adapt to diverse legal challenges.  I am excited about the opportunity to contribute my legal knowledge, ambition, and dedication to ByrneWallace's professional team. I look forward to the possibility of discussing how my skills and experiences can be a valuable asset to your firm.  Thank you for considering my application. I have attached my CV for your reference. Please feel free to contact me at 083 095 9110 or at slacey747@gmail.com to arrange an interview.0  Sincerely,  **Stephen Lacey** | |