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To Ms Costelloe,

My name is Thuraisingam Suresh Singam, and I am a Master's of law student at UCD. I am trying to gain more experience in the legal field and would love for an opportunity at Byrne Wallace. Being a top firm in Ireland, it would provide me with the chance to receive high level experience and knowledge. Byrne Wallace offering a wide variety of practice areas, would provide me with the opportunity to gain experience in several fields and receive knowledge from top lawyers. I am not defined to specific areas of law and would be open and willing to any opportunity available. I recently attended the open evening by Byrne Wallace. I was able to speak to a variety of people including some of the current trainees. They explained the culture and their experiences. I believe that a traineeship at Byrne Wallace would be an amazing firm for the next stage in my law career.

The various work experience programmes undertaken by me thus far have all provided me with varied skills which I believe are necessary as a lawyer. My most recent experience was a legal internship at one of the top-ranked legal firms in Malaysia. Tasks undertaken involved checking contract documents, extracting and researching related documents from various departments and sources. These tasks allowed me to gain a real understanding of working at a commercial law firm. I learnt and enhanced various relevant skills needed quite rapidly such as research skills, being client-focused and commercial awareness are noteworthy. Good teamwork is also something I pride myself upon, having been involved with various sports teams and music orchestras, continuously throughout my life, as well as various jobs such as my time at Barcode Warehouse and Lincoln Covid Centre. While these experiences are outside of law, they allowed me to develop a deep understanding of client needs. All these positions both in the legal field and out of it have helped me demonstrate the ability to approach the needs of clients with empathy and deliver solutions. I believe that my wide variety of experience has allowed me to gain unique perspectives and valuable transferrable skills that can be catered to multiple areas of the law. I believe these qualities align with the vision and values of Byrne Wallace. Additionally, from spending my growing years in Malaysia, the UK and now Ireland. I have been able to interact with diverse groups of people from differing cultures which has allowed me to look at situations differently and think outside the box. This year, I have developed my networking skills through events such as the Bright Network Diverse Legal Leaders. I was able to speak to various partners of top firms around the world, to understand their stories, and the qualities that were needed.

I am currently on a student visa. However, after I graduate I plan to stay in Dublin following my studies and undertake the FE-1 exams to qualify as a solicitor here. Due to this, I will likely be on a graduate visa. Therefore, I would be looking for a Traineeship 2026 and onwards. Any help would be greatly appreciated on my journey. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I truly look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,
Thuraisingam Suresh Singam