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Dear Recruitment Team,

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, “The life of the law has not been logic; it has been experience.” Despite not having an undergraduate degree in law, I believe my diverse experiences—my Business degree, proficiency in multiple languages, and MSc in Law and Finance—have provided me with the tools necessary to excel as a trainee at Byrne Wallace. I am particularly drawn to Byrne Wallace because of the insights shared by trainees in their videos, which highlighted the diverse exposure they receive across different areas of the business. This opportunity to step out of my comfort zone and engage with various legal disciplines is precisely what I seek as I begin my career.

During my internship at a Business and Human Rights Consultancy firm, I gained invaluable skills that will serve me well in the legal profession. Critical thinking, attention to detail, and professional responsibility were key aspects of the role. I engaged with clients in English, Spanish, and Mandarin, while developing my report-writing and analytical abilities. These skills are essential when working on complex legal transactions, and I believe that my experience will enable me to contribute meaningfully to the high standard of work expected at Byrne Wallace.

Collaboration and teamwork were central to my role as Head Instructor at a Bay Shore Yacht Club, where I led a team of nine instructors. This experience, which required critical decision-making under pressure, is directly applicable to the collaborative environment at Byrne Wallace, where teamwork and effective communication are paramount. My time leading teams in a challenging environment taught me resilience and adaptability—skills I will bring to the trainee role at your firm.

Furthermore, I read on Byrne Wallace’s website that the firm advised on three of the award-winning deals at the Finance Dublin Deals of the Year 2024. These awards recognize the best Irish corporate finance transactions, highlighting the firm’s expertise in Mergers & Acquisitions, such as the Mail Metrics acquisition of Docket and Form International, and Melior Equity Partners’ investment in NRG Panel Ireland. This directly resonates with my MSc in Law and Finance. I am eager to engage with high-profile deals like these and contribute to the innovative work being done at Byrne Wallace, further enhancing my understanding of complex financial structures and corporate law.

Byrne Wallace’s Managing Partner Feargal Brennan stated: “From day one, you’ll be part of a team that values your contributions, supports your development, and encourages you to explore all that the legal profession has to offer.” This supportive culture and commitment to professional growth resonate deeply with my career aspirations, making Byrne Wallace the ideal place for me to develop my legal skills and knowledge. I plan to sit my first set of FE1 exams in March 2025 and am eager to continue building on my knowledge and experiences. I am confident that my critical thinking, collaborative skills, and dedication to hard work will make me a strong addition to the team at Byrne Wallace.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to and grow with your firm.

Kind Regards,

Zara McCreery