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Dear Ms. McLoughlin,

I trust that this cover letter, coupled with my C.V., sufficiently demonstrates that I am a worthy candidate to be called to interview for a position on the Trainee Solicitor Programme at ByrneWallace.

When I was in secondary school I was randomly selected to spend a period of time on work experience with An Garda Síochána. This experience sparked my interest in the law. As phrases such as 'receivership' and 'liquidation' became more commonplace in my hometown I became more interested in the manner in which the law interacts with business in Ireland. I subsequently made the decision to study law in university and I have known for quite some time now that I wish to pursue a career in law.

My desire to pursue a career in law prompted me to seek to gain experience in a wide spectrum of law in a variety of jurisdictions while studying at university. I believe that such experience has allowed me to develop the skills that ByrneWallace seeks in a trainee.

For example, due to my own interest in differing legal systems and how different jurisdictions compare and contrast, I volunteered to spend a semester studying law in the Netherlands. Additionally, this interest and a desire to challenge myself prompted me to complete a legal internship in China. As the only native English speaker in a firm in Shanghai, I became an important part of the contract and negotiation team when interacting with international clients. This experience demonstrated to me the importance of the ability to effectively communicate issues with teammates and third parties in order to ensure that a client's aims are achieved, developing my ability to integrate with a team, communicate with others and problem solve.

I am very proud of the fact that the motivation I demonstrated during the course of my studies lead to me being chosen to represent my university on an internship programme in the Irish Superior Courts, for which I was fortunate enough to be assigned to work with the Hon. Justice Birmingham of the Court of Appeal. As well as being an unparalleled networking opportunity, in which I was introduced to a number of members of the judiciary, I was given considerable exposure to legal proceedings, written submissions and case files. My responsibilities throughout this internship, which included document review, attending court and judgment drafting, have undoubtedly improved my attention to detail and my knowledge of the practical side of the court system in Ireland.

In August 2016 I began working in the busy litigation department of the leading Irish law firm Eversheds. This position requires a high level of drive and adaptability and I currently have several cases which I am responsible for. My tasks can vary depending on each case I become involved in, and include drafting legal documents such as Grounding Affidavits and Notice of Motions, attending on Counsel in court and liaising with our clients for instruction. Our clients demand a high standard and as such my attention to detail, my ability to work under pressure and my ability to prioritise tasks has developed since I began in this role. This experience has shown me that I wish to train in a leading corporate law firm.

I wish to apply to ByrneWallace as I believe that your firm has the ability to maximise my professional development while giving me exposure to a wide spectrum of law as well as interesting and market leading clients. ByrneWallace is an obvious choice when it comes to professional development, as illustrated by the numerous awards the firm has won in a variety of fields. I similarly desire to work in an innovative firm and this is an area in which your firm is market leading, as clearly illustrated by ByrneWallace's decision to become the first Irish firm with an ISO 27001 information security standard.

Additionally, I rank my personal development as equally as important as my professional development. I recognise that working as a trainee is a daunting and welcomed challenge. Nonetheless, I am determined not to place myself in an environment which is detrimental to my own well-being. This is one of the main reasons I am applying to ByrneWallace. Your firm has developed an impressive reputation for a positive work-life balance. I believe that ByrneWallace is a firm that will help me to complete the transition from academic life to the practical side of law and business. One of my first acts as a trainee would be to sign up for as many of the ByrneWallace sport teams as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this application. If there is any aspect of this application that requires clarification or if there is any further information you require please do not hesitate to contact me. My C.V. lists several referees available at your discretion.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Coen