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Hello,

I am writing to you to enquire about traineeship opportunities with Byrne Wallace..

I am a law graduate with a masters degree and two years of work experience in a variety of organisations. I studied law at Maynooth University and was consistently successful in my exams and assessments, as well as regularly taking part in extracurricular activities such as moot court, international negotiation competitions, FLAC, and writing pieces for the student law journal. However, after graduating from law, I was not entirely sure which direction I wanted to pursue within law and was eager to take some time to explore other avenues.

I decided to change direction for a while and completed an MA in music technologies. Music has always been a passion and I was curious to study it academically after being a performer and teacher of music for years. I then went on to work in various organisations working in music and media and found that I had an aptitude for marketing and publicity. I spent a year in New York to gain more work experience, during which time I decided that I would like to return to the legal field and pursue a professional qualification.

I am now very focused and driven in my goal to qualify as a solicitor and am very keen to spend the next few years in an environment with like-minded people who I can learn from and where my diverse experience and creative thinking may be valued and utilised. From my own research as well as reputationally, your firm seems to be a very progressive and modern workplace that I would feel very privileged to be exposed to. I am very enticed by the forward-thinking corporate culture and the approach to work where genuine client dedication and a strong work life balance appears to be a strong priority.

I am also very interested in many of the areas of law that the firm practises and would be very eager to learn how these departments operate. Coming from a music and media background, I am very interested in intellectual property law, personally and academically. While I am open to learning about most areas of law, I am also particularly curious about technology law, energy law, and data protection law, which do not seem to be typical areas of expertise for other firms.

My CV contains further details of my background, accomplishments, and experience but I hope you have gotten a satisfactory sense of who I am and how excited I would be to learn from your firm. I am currently set to sit my FE1 exams (first round) starting this October with a view to starting a traineeship post-March 2020.

I very much hope to hear from you soon,

Regards,

Aoife McMahon