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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to apply for the Trainee Solicitor Programme with Byrne Wallace as it would be a great opportunity for me to pursue my legal career in a well established law firm. I also believe my work experience in the military to date would allow me to excel in this particular position.

I have always had a strong interest in law since studying law in NUI Galway, completing all my FE1 examinations in 2020 and 2021, and more recently passing a Diploma in Employment Law this year. I have served almost sixteen years with the Irish Defence Forces, as a military officer which has allowed me gain in depth knowledge and experience in dealing with military law, aspects of international law and civilian law, particularly employment law. I would be very interested in the practice areas of Employment, Environment and Planning, and Child Care Law.

I am an extremely loyal person and employee and I have served overseas on three occasions, of six months duration each, between 2014 and 2019. I have served as a team leader and manager and I fully appreciate that a team is only as strong as its weakest link, and it is part of a team leader's responsibility to identify any obstacles for teams and individuals, and determine how best to overcome those obstacles. Notwithstanding my role as a leader, I am very comfortable taking on various roles within a team, and believe being a team player is paramount to success. As a military commander, I believe that respect and dignity for all of those I interact with are integral to success. I have been faced with numerous challenges throughout my career, and I enjoy identifying problems and working out solutions and various courses of action in order to achieve set objectives. I am confident I have a lot to contribute, particularly in creating a positive work environment, and putting what I learn into practice.

My current employment is as the Liaison Officer to the Ombudsman for the Defence Forces. In this role, I am responsible for processing and administering all internal complaints within the organisation. Some of my responsibilities include developing briefing notes for the Head of HR Branch, presentations to General Staff, drafting appeals responses for the Chief of Staff. Due to the unpredictable nature of complaints, I must assess and prioritise tasks based on the regulation requirements in conjunction with the objectives of the HR Branch annual plan, often operating under time constraints.

I feel it is the right time for me to move across into the legal profession, and I hope that this may be with Byrne Wallace. I have seen some work carried out by Byrne Wallace which I have found very impressive, along with the firm's reputation and accolades which make this a very appealing firm to work in. The emphasis on corporate social responsibility is very encouraging. Please see attached my CV for a more in-depth illustration of my work history, and a copy of my FE1 results.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Bronagh McMorrow