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Dear Sirs

I would like to apply for a position in the ByrneWallace 2018 trainee intake.

For the past eighteen months, I have been studying and working simultaneously to pursue my goal of qualifying as a solicitor. I am eager to start as a trainee, as at this point, my extracurricular study and work will finally combine and I can commit all my energy to my work and development as a legal professional. Throughout university, I also worked while in full time education so needless to say, it will be a welcome change where my work and my career path finally align.

Working has always been extremely important to me. The work ethic I developed over the years from this near constant balancing act of work and study has given me a great desire to want to work hard and be successful in my work. In each role I've had, I've worked to my best capability and been effective. In my previous role as a legal executive, I started with no legal experience to then being a constant relied upon resource, managing department projects and litigation as well as being a leading voice in department process improvements. Even as sales assistant in O2, I was a top sales performer with the highest customer satisfaction rate.

What has been instrumental in me consistently working to the best of my capabilities is how many teams I have been a part of growing up. Whether it was GAA, tennis or dancing, I realised quickly how my individual performance can affect the overall team and ultimately whether we will win or lose. In dancing in particular, we were a team of 12 people who would regularly perform in competitions. If someone failed to give their best performance, it was more likely the team wouldn't win. This would be hard to endure on the few occasions we didn't perform to the best of our capabilities, especially after the several hours we collectively put into training every week for weeks ahead of the competition. However, like all good teams, it made us stronger by us recognising what went wrong and how to rectify it and working to eliminate it as a risk for the next competition.

There are a number of things that attract me to ByrneWallace such as its reputation as one of Ireland's leading law firms, high quality of clients and more particularly the firm's work in venture capital funds. However the most prevalent reason for my wish to train at the firm is that ByrneWallace is the only top-tier law firm with a female managing partner with approximately 50% female partners also. This demonstrates to me the importance of training and progress of women in the firm. My previous employer, ION Group, was a FinTech company and was extremely open-minded and equal in its approach to staff. This is something I valued highly and is what attracts me to ByrneWallace. I would relish the opportunity to work hard for a firm that will support my growth.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding any further information you would like to know regarding my application.

Best regards  
Chloe Prendergast