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To whom it may concern,

I would be delighted to be considered for a place on your Trainee Solicitor Programme. My story is probably a bit different than others but nonetheless, I feel that it shows drive towards achieving my ultimate goal of becoming a Solicitor. I was working as a Marketing executive for 4 years until I resigned in January 2018 to pursue a career in Law. The change was a big one for me going from being comfortable, both financially and in my role, to a step into the unknown world that is FE1's and internships. However, I wouldn't change a thing and the experience I have had over the past year has cemented my belief that I will be a great Solicitor and that a career in Law is the right fit for me.

When choosing what career path I would take after my final year in the University of Limerick, law was certainly an option that I explored from the experience I had studying it as my minor. However, I choose to continue on the path of my Major Subject of Marketing with acceptances into multiple Masters Programmes. I studied my Master's in Marketing Practice in the UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business. I can't say that I regret the decision as I had an enjoyable career but the road not taken is one that always loomed over me.

And that brings us to this point. Over the last year I have sat FE1's in March 2018 (Unfortunately, I only passed 2/4) and have worked as a Legal Intern to gain experience in a Law firm until finishing up in August to prepare for the October Sitting of the FE1's. I attempted 5 exams this time and I am hoping that the experience from sitting them before will help me to achieve a more favourable outcome.

I'd like to think that I can bring something different to the table. There is something about changing a career that brings a new level of focus towards what you are trying to achieve and a confidence in the sense that you have already been successful in another line of work. Sometimes you have to let something go to allow what's right for you to happen. Even though it is still very early on in my new career, I know already that this is right for me. I feel I am uniquely equipped with team working, Business Development and general administrative skills that I can hit the ground running and I have an eagerness to learn in an exciting new environment.

When choosing firms to apply to, my criteria is generally based on the culture, the reputation of the firm, their services. Byrne Wallace are top of my list in terms of firms to apply to. One of my good friends trained in Byrne Wallace and she has given me a great insight into what a career in Byrne Wallace might look like. I always feel that hearing from personal experiences is the best way to truly determine what the culture of an organisation is and from what I have heard, Byrne Wallace is a firm that I want to be a part of.

I am very ambitious for what I want to achieve in my career and I know the importance of choosing a firm that not only has a strong reputation in the market but also that has the support structures in place to ensure that I can develop throughout my traineeship and beyond. While I might have ideas about what areas I want to work in, I know that exposure to a broad range of services is most beneficial to me and Byrne Wallace seems like the perfect place to get the exposure while working for a highly reputable firm.

I would be delighted to have the opportunity to work with a firm that mirrors my own ambitions and can give me the platform to really advance my law career. I would be very grateful to have the opportunity to interview in Byrne Wallace

Yours sincerely,

Cian Kiely