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Graduate Recruitment Manager
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Re: Application for Selection on Trainee Solicitor Programme

Dear sir/madam,

I saw advertised on both the Byrne Wallace website and LinkedIn page, that the firm is currently recruiting Trainee Solicitors for their Trainee Solicitor Programme. Having worked previously on transactions with Byrne Wallace and having thoroughly enjoyed doing so, I wish to apply for such a position.

By way of background, I studied Law Clinical at UCC and graduated with a second class honours grade one degree in October 2018. Since then, I have completed seven FE-1 examinations and have been working at Walsh and Partners Solicitors and later McEvoy Corporate law. I previously encountered Byrne Wallace on a number of occasions while working in Dublin. I have always been impressed by the way the firm conducts itself and believe I would be a great fit with the team.

I believe that I am deserving of a position as a Trainee in the firm for several reasons.

Firstly, I believe that I have an excellent skillset which would stand to me as a Trainee. Some of my skills include teamwork, communication and organizational skills. These are reflected through my experience working at two solicitor firms, a legal clinic and other non-legal roles. I also think that my hardworking and determined nature, both qualities which are highlighted in my CV, would stand to me working in a busy and prestigious firm such as Byrne Wallace. I thrive under pressure and would love to continue to work in such an environment. I am also very approachable, friendly and can successfully integrate myself into new teams quite easily. I can be relied on by the firm's partners, solicitors and fellow trainees to provide results in high pressure situations. These are all characteristics I think are very important when working in an area which engages regularly with clients.

Given my legal skills and experience, in addition to my experience in other non-legal areas which none-the-less have developed other relevant skills, I think I would be an asset to the team as I could put these skills to immediate use at the firm and develop them further while a Trainee. Given my experience within commercial law firms, I am familiar with what is expected of me, the standards Byrne Wallace strive for

and the values the firm holds dear. This would mean that my work would be to an extremely high standard from the start.

In terms of why I wish to work at Byrne Wallace specifically, I am interested in many areas the firm practices including banking, corporate, litigation, employment and insolvency. I therefore think I would thoroughly enjoy working at the firm as a Trainee.

In addition, now is a very exciting time for the firm, given the new Byrne Wallace offices and scope for development. Working in a firm that is now in the top ten in the country is a challenge that I would relish. I would love to see what I could contribute to the development and future of the firm in terms of new recruitments and expansions into other areas.

The fact that Byrne Wallace is so highly ranked is reflective of the talented people within the firm. I therefore really believe that the firm will teach me so much as a Trainee and will help me on my path to become a solicitor. The numerous awards the firm has won and the recognition the team has received is again reflective of how hardworking and talented the solicitors are. Working at Byrne Wallace would teach me not only how to strive for the highest possible results for the client but also how a large law firm is very much one cohesive unit working together.

Having spoken to many of the Trainees at the firm and indeed Trainees in other firms, it has become clear to me that Byrne Wallace offers a top tier programme in which the Trainees are taught so much by each department and are valued by their teams. I have a great willingness to learn and therefore I am very keen to obtain this opportunity as a Trainee at the firm.

In summary, given my areas of interest, my previous experience within law firms, my personality and skills, I believe that I make an excellent candidate for selection as a Trainee and I know that I would not let the firm down. I would love to work at the firm as a Trainee

Thank you very much for considering my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Colin Reynolds