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To whom it may concern,

My name is Elaine Cully, I am a young, professional, Tipperary native who has adopted Dublin as a home from home. I write to you with keen interest in applying for the position of a Legal Trainee with ByrneWallace.

My interest in pursuing a career in corporate law is one which was sparked during my academic career as a Law and French student in University College Cork and been ignited during my time spent as a Pre-Trainee with Flynn O'Driscoll Solicitors.

I have worked in the fast-paced, corporate department of Flynn O'Driscoll for 16 months and believe that this is a work structure in which I have flourished because of my personable character, excellent team work skills and ability to work under pressure. I work in close conjunction with colleagues at senior partner level and have been involved in many large, meaningful corporate transactions including private equity and venture capitalist investments, disposals, mergers, acquisitions, management buy-outs, and shareholder disputes amongst a few. Within the firm I have also gained experience in Intellectual Property, Employment Law and company secretarial matters. I have been fortunate to have been granted a lot of independence within my work whilst being guided by experienced, intelligent and dedicated colleague from whom I have learned the importance of hard work, team work and strong client focus. During my time with the firm, I believe I have garnered invaluable experience which has greatly developed both my professional and personal characters.

My experiences as a Law and French student in University College Cork combined with my studies in Civil Law pursued exclusively through French in Université de Montpellier 1 assisted me in developing a strong passion for law, and it's ever developing nature, as well as greatly improving my fluency skills in French and gaining a cultural awareness of another European country.

I am an enthusiastic, bright and assiduous worker. I have consistently illustrated a good worth ethic throughout my professional career and post-primary and third level education. As a result, I believe that I would be a good asset to your firm as a trainee solicitor. I know that the culture of excellence at ByrneWallace would motivate me as a trainee. I welcome responsibility, and relish in the challenges and rewards of a fast paced work environment.

I would delight in training within a larger firm and gaining exposure to many different legal areas. I am an honest and determined character. I have been told that I have an unassuming but confident nature, and believe that is an attribute which has assisted me in mixing well with colleagues and clients alike. I value loyalty and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to participate in a traineeship programme within a firm which fosters a collegiate atmosphere where senior employees are approachable by trainees and the trainee's development and education is of great importance.

For the reasons outlined above, I would like to apply for the position of trainee solicitor at ByrneWallace. Please find attached my Curriculum Vitae for your perusal. I hope this clarifies for you that my core competencies and attributes make me a suitable candidate for your traineeship programme.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application.
Yours faithfully,
Elaine Cully