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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to apply for the position of a trainee with Byrne Wallace as advertised on your website.

I am currently a legal and tax trainee at Grant Thornton. I was originally offered the opportunity to study law with tax, unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances the firm can no longer fulfil their offer. To date I have successfully passed 5 FE-1 examinations in addition to the AITI Part 1 examinations. I sat the remaining 3 FE-1 examinations in October 2017 and I am awaiting my results. While I am currently pursuing a qualification in tax, due to the change in circumstances Grant Thornton has encouraged me to apply to law firms. I still have a keen interest in the area of taxation however, I am more attracted to the role of a corporate solicitor and hope to ultimately combine these two qualifications in my future career.

Byrne Wallace appeals to me greatly because of its excellent reputation as an innovative law firm and the dynamic range of clients and industries which form part of the everyday experience as a solicitor in the firm. My ambition is to work with clients who are business orientated. I would relish the opportunity to offer practical solutions to these clients in addition to identifying any future legal concerns which may arise. A training contract with Byrne Wallace would allow me to apply my theoretical knowledge of the law obtained through university in a practical way and I would also love to have the opportunity to take advantage of learning from solicitors who are experts in their fields. The training I would receive would be of the highest calibre and I am most impressed with the firm’s dedication to its trainees. The testimonies on the firm’s website detailing the positive experiences of trainees and a corporate culture which values all team members is a characteristic which appeals greatly to me. In addition, the opportunity for a partner to regularly meet and review my work would be hugely advantageous and would ensure I fulfil my potential to become a leading solicitor.

I have a particular interest in the areas of banking, corporate recovery and property which has been furthered developed during my time in Grant Thornton, as my day to day work is primarily focused on transactions involving receiverships, succession planning and corporate restructuring. While my current role is more directed on the tax implications of transactions, I am consistently drawn to any legal aspect which may come into play. The law is dynamic, challenging and has a fast-paced environment which I believe will provide me with a stimulating career.

I believe that I am an excellent candidate for your training programme. My time spent working in Grant Thornton and Hines Real Estate has allowed me to broaden my knowledge of the commercial world, observing how the law impacts on commercial decisions on a daily basis. I possess excellent communication skills developed through various roles, advancing from my time on the student council in secondary school, presentations I have given in university and my career thus far. I have the ability to adapt well to changing situations and I am honest, trustworthy and reliable as can be seen from the positions of responsibility I have held to date. I am confident that a traineeship at Byrne Wallace would provide me with a challenging, worthwhile experience and I would bring a hardworking and diligent approach to all aspects of the programme.

Attached is a copy of my curriculum vitae, I appreciate your consideration for this position and look forward to continuing my application at interview stage.

Yours sincerely,

Emma McDonnell