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Trainee Solicitor Programme

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to apply for a position on the Trainee Solicitor Programme as advertised on the Byrne Wallace website.

I am a BCL and LLM graduate from University College Cork and I have recently sat my final two FE-1 exams. After university I took some time to explore alternative careers and spent over three years working as an account manager in a sales company in London. This role was very much focused on building and maintaining client relationships and as a result I became more confident both professionally and personally. However, my time away from the legal sphere made it very clear to me that I wish to pursue a career as a solicitor because I want to be able to put what I learned during my time at university to direct use. Moreover, I feel that the professional experience and maturity I gained while living and working in a different country has made me very determined to work hard to achieve my goal of building a successful legal career. I want to give myself the best shot at reaching this aim from the start and I believe the Byrne Wallace Trainee Solicitor Programme would provide me with a chance to do this in one of the most reputable firms in the country.

I have recently gained valuable legal work experience as an intern in the commercial litigation department of a busy nationally based law firm. I would like to further develop my interest in this area in one of the largest commercial litigation departments in Ireland where I could learn and receive guidance from highly skilled solicitors who are experts in their field. It is very important to me that my training would take place in a supportive team based environment where I will be both encouraged and challenged to develop the necessary skill set to reach my true potential and become an accomplished solicitor. In this respect the Byrne Wallace Trainee Solicitor Programme ticks all the boxes for me because I believe the level of training offered cannot be rivalled by other firms. I would relish the opportunity as a trainee to gain exposure to topical commercial issues and large scale transactions because I think it would be very interesting to be involved in matters which shape the financial and legal landscape of this country. Furthermore I believe this hands on experience would be instrumental to my professional development.

The investment the firm makes in its trainees can be seen in the excellent standard of training offered as part of the programme. This shows that trainees are valued and nurtured to develop into future solicitors and partners of the firm. I am interested in Byrne Wallace not only as a place where I can train to become a solicitor but also as a firm where I could see myself successfully establishing my career once qualified.

I hope you will consider my application and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Murphy