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Dear Ms McLoughlin

My name is Eva Sugrue. I am an ambitious law graduate who is determinedly pursuing a career as a solicitor. As such, I wish to apply for a trainee position at Byrne Wallace. Please allow me to outline below why I am a suitable candidate.

I believe that, through my experiences to date, I have acquired the excellent communication skills, keen attention to detail and resolute diligence necessary to succeed as solicitor at a premier, full-service, commercial law firm.

This is evidenced, I feel, by my co-operative education experience. For many of the LL.B. class at the University of Limerick, a university-arranged placement in a business services role with a large statutory corporation was the *fait accompli* for co-op year. Not for me. Knowing that my future lay in training with a private practice, I doggedly pursued a placement in a firm with a track-record for service excellence. Ultimately, I secured a position with DFMG Solicitors, a respected firm well-ranked by publications such as Chambers Europe and Legal 500. I was glad to find that the time I spent in FEXCO's professional, dynamic, corporate environment had equipped me with communication skills which served me well when seeking a position at DFMG. Mostly however, I was proud of the resolve and persistence which I demonstrated and excited at the opportunity that I had obtained for myself.

I am keen to advance my procedural knowledge and broaden my experience at a progressive, dynamic firm while delivering the highest quality of service for its clients.

There is one more characteristic that I feel is probably required to be a successful solicitor, trusted by one's clients and that characteristic is good judgement. I am confident that mine is as good as that of any 23 year-old law graduate. But judgement is, I think, only as sound as the experience and knowledge upon which it is based. I know that Byrne Wallace, through its training programme and thereafter, can provide me with the experience and support that I need to develop as a top-class lawyer. That, coupled with the warm and inviting atmosphere I was greeted with on visiting Byrne Wallace’ offices during its trainee open event earlier this week, is why I am applying for your trainee programme.

I trust that I have demonstrated my credentials and my motivation for applying for this position. Should you afford me this opportunity, I am confident that I would prove to be an asset as a trainee at Byrne Wallace.

For your information, I plan to commence sitting the FE-1 examinations in the 2017 spring sitting.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this application and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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