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Ref. Trainee Solicitor Programme

Dear Ms. McLaughlin,

I write to apply for a place on your Trainee Solicitor Programme. Please find enclosed a copy of my C.V. as required.

I come from a legal background and it has always been my intention to qualify as a solicitor. I know from speaking with friends and former colleagues, who have had the privilege of participating in the ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme, that its stellar reputation is well deserved. I would welcome the opportunity that the programme affords to train and develop as a solicitor at ByrneWallace.

My career ambition is to be a commercial lawyer. I firmly believe that business law, with all its variety, intricacy and challenges, is the field of legal practice that best matches my interests and aptitudes. If I can join a dynamic commercial law firm, I believe I can make a positive contribution, through my hard work and attitude. I would relish the opportunity to grow the firm and expand the business in any way I could.

I gained valuable recent experience at ByrneWallace and also at Clifford Law Offices in Chicago. I'm currently working in San Diego at a firm who assist victims of domestic violence to immigrate to the United States. Of all the firms I've worked in however, I haven't liked any of them as much as I liked ByrneWallace.

I honestly think that I integrated quite well into ByrneWallace in my time there and I have many fond memories. I always found the people in ByrneWallace to be so helpful and approachable and this is very appealing to me as a decisive factor. I was challenged but also rewarded by the work I performed. I also enjoyed the social aspect to the firm, particularly the football team and the friends I made among those who are already Trainees. I wish to join them and train at ByrneWallace ahead of any other firm.

Having already gained international experience this year, I have been offered a position in early 2017 at Russell Kennedy solicitors in Melbourne, Australia, where I will get further commercial experience in a common-law jurisdiction. I hope to also spend the summer working at a firm in Montreal with the added benefit of being able to practice my French. In my ideal world, I would then return to Dublin in 2017 to begin a Training Contract with ByrneWallace.

Having passed seven FE-1 exams at the first attempt and awaiting the result of my eighth and also in light of my recent commercial law practice experience and skills, I believe I have much to offer to ByrneWallace.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Murphy Enc.