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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a fourth-year student at Maynooth University and I am an aspiring solicitor. I am interested in obtaining a training contract in Byrne Wallace as a trainee solicitor on completion of my undergraduate LWBI degree. I saw your advert on the firm's website and obtained further information about the position through research and when I attended the trainee open evening. I believe your workplace would be a quintessential place for me to work because of its wide range of practice areas that trainees get to experience such as Corporate, employment, healthcare, consumer law and much more. These areas greatly appeal to my long-term passion to provide legal services to the community. I know that Byrne Wallace is a firm that will aid me in pursuing my legal career.

I recently undertook a nine-month placement at the University of Greenwich Legal Advice Centre while completing an international year. The Legal Advice Centre, along with solicitors working Pro bono, provided clients with free legal advice. While working in the Legal Advice Centre, I observed the different solicitors as they conducted the interviews and advised the clients. After observing the solicitors for a couple of weeks, I was then instructed to conduct the interviews. I also got the opportunity to work in a family court in east London. Under supervision of a solicitor I was able to approach potential clients, explain my role as a student advisor and offer our help desk service to them. This service included filling out of certain court forms, explanation of court procedures and note taking inside the court room. This experience showed me how powerful the law is and the challenges people and businesses face by being inadequately represented.

Since young, I have had a desire to work within a business and legal sector. In secondary school I took part in the Fingal young enterprise where my and I came first place. Having completed an advocacy module, I can now apply my desire to work within a business now in the legal world. Both the legal and non-legal work I have completed all required me to work with people. This has positively affected my ability to build a strong rapport with clients. As the former chairperson of my secondary school student council and the Vice President of the Maynooth University Afro-Caribbean society I am capable of working well both in a team and alone. This along with the ability to work in a busy environment, to complete all the necessary work effectively before the designated deadlines are some of my many attributes I wish to bring to Byrne Wallace.

Attending the Byrne Wallace open evening has since motivated me and fuelled my passion to be part of the Byrne Wallace team. The company culture and atmosphere is like none other. The firm holds a strong mentor and guidance culture which enables trainees to ask questions and learn more. Partners and associates were both friendly and approachable. This type of environment is both comfortable and helpful as it facilitates for a well-built learning environment which in turn allows trainees to get the best experience and training needed to succeed in the legal field.

My academic, legal and non-legal experiences along with my passion to learn and assist those within and outside the community, combined make me a strong candidate to receive a training contract in your firm. I have attached my curriculum vitae. Thank you in advance for your time and should I be selected for an interview I hope to discuss my competence based skills, passion and more reasons why I wish to work in Byrne Wallace in more detail.

Your sincerely,
Gloria Nkencho.