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Dear Ms. Fox,

I am currently a student in the Postgraduate Diploma in Law from Dublin Institute of Technology and am applying for a traineeship in ByrneWallace. After a very informative presentation at your firm on the 14th of October, I believe that my past experiences combined with my hardworking nature and motivation makes me a suitable candidate.

I am approaching a career in law in the non-traditional sense as my background is in second-level teaching (French/Geography). I have always had a latent interest in pursuing law and after gaining experience in both the Irish and French education systems, I feel it is now the correct time to do this. What initially attracted me to apply to ByrneWallace is that one the firm’s areas of expertise is in Child Care Law. The diverse range of practice areas in the firm combined with the supportive environment offered is why I am applying to ByrneWallace.

After completing my teacher training I moved to Paris to work in a disadvantaged school. This posed as a challenge for me due to the serious discipline issues in the school. Apart from conducting lessons, I communicated frequently with the Headmaster, parents, and social workers on issues that arose. I developed classes to equip students with skills to gain employment in the retail sector as a response to their needs.

Working in a teamwork environment is something that appeals to me greatly. In University I was involved with the Musical Society and took on the role as Costume Designer in my second year. I was responsible for creating the wardrobe for a cast of 45 people, liaising with the various departments to bring the production to stage. While teaching in Paris I took up a second job waitressing in a busy restaurant (as featured in ELLE magazine). I worked 30 hours a week and progressed to assistant manager in my last few months.

The literacy project that involves trainees greatly interests me as part of the firm’s strong value set. I helped establish a new society in NUI Galway following spending a summer volunteering in India. We developed programs on practical preparation, culture shock and teacher training for the outgoing volunteers to work in schools.

The importance ByrneWallace places on academic and professional growth is another reason for my application. While completing my teacher training from Trinity College Dublin, I decided to do a diploma in Catholic Education at the same time. The course focused on ethics and social policy issues surrounding the school as an institution.

To be considered for a traineeship with ByrneWallace would be a very exciting prospect for me. I enjoy the dynamic nature of law and would relish the opportunity to work with a firm at the cusp of these developments. I have a strong sense of commercial awareness thus working on high quality and high profile cases would appeal to me greatly.

Please find enclosed my CV for your reference. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Julie Sheridan*