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**Re:** Trainee solicitor programme

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to apply for the traineeship programme at Byrne Wallace which was advertised on your recruitment page. I completed my degree in 2015 and since then have worked in a number of roles in Tesco Ireland, currently working as a legal executive supporting three in house solicitors. I have completed 3 FE1’s and am awaiting the results of a further two. My aim is to have all 8 completed by March 2019 with a view of attending PPC1 in September 2019.

I have worked as a Legal Executive in Tesco Ireland for a number of years. My work in Tesco has encouraged me to seek out training in a commercial law firm. You may note from my CV that I have vast areas of experience in a number of crucial areas that your firm practices in. I worked on a large scale redundancy project which was not without its legal challenges and was commended for my diligence and professionalism during a difficult time in the company.

I have a huge interest in Employment Law which I developed from my experience on the Employee Relations team in Tesco. However this is not my only area of interest and I am looking forward to gaining further insight into other areas of law. My experience in the highly competitive and ever changing retail sector has shown me the impact that legal decisions can have on a business. I am interested in training with Byrne Wallace because of their excellent reputation. The firm receives challenging work for high profile clients and I believe offers me an excellent opportunity to further my skills and experience.

My ability to work well with clients has been enhanced not only by my customer service experience, but also my experience on an in house legal team. Building a rapport and working closely with other teams is part of my every day position and is something which I have excelled at.

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

Kind Regards

Kate McDermott