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Hiring Manager

Byrne Wallace

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**Subject: Application for the Trainee Solicitor Programme at Byrne Wallace**

Dear Hiring Manager,

Having completed my LL.B. at the University of Bristol with a second-class honours first division, followed by an LL.M. at Trinity College Dublin with a distinction, I am currently a specialist in TikTok's Intellectual Property Operations team. I am writing to express my keen interest and strong intent to join Byrne Wallace for your trainee solicitor programme.

I am applying to Byrne Wallace as the firm's strong intellectual property practice, approach to training, and emphasis on personal development align with my career aspirations.

Firstly, my interest in intellectual property sparked during my LL.M. in Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law and has since been nurtured in my current role at TikTok's Intellectual Property Operations team. The chance to work on matters akin to the firm's recent advisory role with Xeolas Pharmaceuticals, especially alongside accomplished practitioners like Collin Sainsbury, would provide me with invaluable experience and enable me to make a meaningful contribution to the firm's esteemed IP practice.

Secondly, Byrne Wallace's commitment to granting trainees significant responsibilities under appropriate supervision and guidance is precisely the environment I seek. This enthusiasm for responsibility is demonstrated through my experience representing my school in discussions with parliamentarians and ministers as a Secretary General in Model United Nations and taking a leadership role for a departmental presentation early in my tenure at TikTok.

Thirdly, the firm's emphasis on personal development resonates with my values. Throughout my educational and professional journey, I have consistently pursued opportunities for growth, whether by taking courses on innovation and entrepreneurship during university or learning to use data systems in my current role to support my colleagues' projects. Joining a firm that shares this commitment to personal and professional development is a priority for me, and I believe Byrne Wallace is the ideal place for me to thrive and excel.

In my professional journey, I've cultivated and demonstrated diverse transferable skills that I believe are invaluable for a solicitor's role at Byrne Wallace. Among these skills, adaptability stands out as a cornerstone of my approach. My tenure in a large tech company has honed my ability to adapt seamlessly to changes, whether they involve shifts in policies or the implementation of new tooling systems. This adaptability is further underscored by consistently achieving an accuracy score of over 99% and my willingness to provide team guides and recaps to facilitate smoother transitions during periods of change.

Furthermore, my ability to work well in teams aligns with the collegial culture at Byrne Wallace. Upon joining my current role, I initiated one-on-one sessions with each team member, seeking their advice as a new team member while maintaining openness and approachability. I frequently covered shifts, supported colleagues on their projects, and received praise from management for my positive and collaborative approach. Additionally, during my tenure as an Assistant Operations Manager with Unity and Diversity in Law, I assumed the responsibilities of the social media manager in addition to my own tasks, successfully managing social media posts, marketing campaigns, and logistics for our flagship panel event. These examples underscore my dedication to collaborative efforts and ability to contribute positively within a team dynamic.

Thank you for considering my application.

Yours faithfully,

Laith Akasheh