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Trainee Solicitor

Dear Ciara,

I am writing to apply for the position of Trainee Solicitor as advertised on ByrneWallace's company website. I am currently employed as a Legal Intern in Davy.

I would like to complete my traineeship at ByrneWallace as it is a full service law firm and demonstrates a forward thinking and positive ethos. I would love the opportunity to learn and qualify as a solicitor in such an experienced and progressive law firm.

For the past three months, I have been working alongside the legal team in Davy and this experience has motivated me and assured me that I am dedicated to qualifying as a solicitor. The role has helped me develop great attention to detail, awareness of the financial sector and skills in legal research.

I understand the importance of being organised and having excellent communication skills. I was self employed as a photographer from 2018 until 2020 and I was solely responsible for all aspects of the business. This included networking, maintaining professional relationships, prioritising tasks and utilising social media to promote my business. Whilst I thoroughly enjoyed working as a photographer, I realised I wanted to pursue a career in law. It was something I had become very interested in since I left university. Photography remains a passion of mine, but something I prefer to do in my spare time.

I enjoy working as part of a team and this was something I felt was lacking when I was self employed. In Davy, I am working with a number of solicitors and through this experience, I have gained valuable insight into the importance of always putting the client first and providing professional, high quality services.

I believe I have a strong work ethic and would be a positive addition to ByrneWallace. In 2020, I applied to sit the FE1s and I spent the last 18 months studying by myself at home. It was a challenging experience, but I worked hard and succeeded in passing all my exams. Studying for the FE1s and working in Davy has confirmed that I am dedicated to building my career in law and qualifying as a solicitor.

If you believe I would be a suitable candidate for a traineeship, I would love to hear from you. Thank you for your consideration of my application.

Yours sincerely, Laura Berrigan