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Dear HR,

I am writing to apply for a role as a **Trainee Solicitor** in your firm ByrneWallace. As noted on my **attached CV**, I am a Bachelor of law and a Master of law graduate with over 2 years of relevant legal experience.

In the past two years working in ByrneWallace I have gained a lot of experience in commercial property and have developed an interest in that area as well as in construction and commercial law generally. I am really attracted to the trainee programme in ByrneWallace because of its focus on innovation and the client focussed way it provides its legal service.

Whilst I have worked in commercial property I am looking forward to gaining experience in different areas as a trainee from working alongside solicitors and trainees in ByrneWallace I am under no illusions as to the rigours and demands of the job. I am a hard worker and regularly work long hours and late nights in ByrneWallace. My technical skills and my attention to detail have both developed whilst working there and I have learned how to work in a busy and sometimes stressful environment. What attracts me to the traineeship in ByrneWallace though is the positive feedback I have heard from solicitors familiar with the firm, the descriptions of the open and collaborative working environment that exists, with a focus on sharing knowledge throughout the firm. ByrneWallace not only has an excellent reputation as a law firm, but also an excellent reputation as a law firm to train in. I can sincerely say as an existing employee of the firm, I can vouch for the commitment the firm makes to its trainees from mentoring them to the continuous learning and development programmes. It is clear that ByrneWallace prides itself on providing a positive trainee programme to ensure that trainees work in a supportive, collegiate environment. It is for all these reasons that I want to join ByrneWallace as a trainee. What has struck me the most is that many of the current partners began their careers with ByrneWallace as this further demonstrated that the objective of the firm was not only to mould future legal professionals, but also future leaders of the firm.

From a review of your website I see that part of your ethos is diversity and culture and I am really impressed by this. ByrneWallace is one of the first top law firms in Ireland to achieved gender balance among its partners. I strongly believe that all firms are better for embracing a diversity of gender, culture, experience, and background. As a woman whose family comes from Lagos, Nigeria, I know there are challenges in embarking in a career in law when one is from a different background and I really admire a firm who meaningfully welcomes such candidates and allows them to excel in becoming active members of the firm and the legal community. If I were to join your firm I would love to get involved in any diversity and inclusion programmes you organise and am confident that I will be an asset to your firm.

I am a sociable and warm person. I enjoy working as part of a team and developing relationships with my colleagues. I am impressed by the emphasis ByrneWallace places on its people. The way it values its people is evident from a review of the website which details not just your staff's professional expertise but also their personality. I am trusted by my colleagues to work closely with clients and solicitors in other firms and whilst in ByrneWallace I developed strong relationships with several key clients through repeated dealings with them.

Until recently I played basketball competitively and this allowed me to develop really strong teamwork skills. When playing I also regularly captained my team developing leadership skills. Unfortunately, injury ended my basketball career however I still play socially. Being 5 foot 8 it is arguable that I still retain a competitive advantage!

In addition to my academic interests, I have also been involved with working alongside charitable organisations such as Solas and the Safe Haven Project. These opportunities have given me skills I value considerably.

I believe I can bring the skills that I have developed in my time at ByrneWallace. This position will allow me to continue to expand my knowledge bank and to excel in the many rotations provided by your firm. ByrneWallace is a leading firm in many practise areas, and I am hopeful to gain from the leaders in each field where I believe I can apply my skills to become an asset to your firm.

I welcome the chance to discuss this opportunity at an interview with you. I can be reached at (085) 1739851 and [lauraduro03@gmail.com](mailto:lauraduro03@gmail.com).