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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my great interest in applying for the position as a trainee solicitor in Byrne Wallace.

I have recently just returned to Ireland after two years of travelling Australia. While away I worked in various hospitality roles, and this is why there is a gap in my employment history disclosed in my curriculum vitae. I completed my Law degree in Dublin City University in 2019 and I worked as a Company Secretary in Maples Group and Pinsent Masons for three years prior to emigrating to Australia in June 2022. I have recently joined Carne Group as a Manager – Company Secretary and this is my current employment position.

I wish to apply for this position as I feel I can relate to the values that Byrne Wallace encapsulates. My work experience to date has improved my interpersonal and communication skills, I therefore excel in team-work activities. It is also my view that acting with integrity is fundamental and a value which is often taken for granted by people. In the complex business and legal world that has evolved, being trustworthy and sustaining transparency between colleagues and clients is something I value. In terms of the skills I have to offer, I am a very hard worker, I am disciplined, and I am always dedicated to contributing my absolute best to any tasks I take on.

The trainee solicitor programme in Byrne Wallace appealed to me for many reasons. Firstly, I attended the Trainee Insights Webinar that was held in September where various employees in Byrne Wallace spoke about their roles within the firm. Hearing the individuals speak about their pathways into law was extremely beneficial as it is evident it does not matter when you begin your career in law, Byrne Wallace will very much be there to support you. The webinar also spoke about the characteristics that make a great trainee and described individuals who are reliable, have great attention to detail, are organised and have great time management. Through my experience I believe these are all skills I have learnt and developed. Culture and decency were the main takeaways from the webinar for me and it is clear that both are a fundamental part of Byrne Wallace. This is very appealing as it is so important to feel valued, respected and heard in your work environment. Byrne Wallace is a full-service law firm which is another reason why the trainee solicitor programme appealed to me. It means that the programme is varied with different areas of law being explored and ensuring that all trainees are well equipped with the skills and knowledge highly desired by newly qualified solicitors.

Thank you for your time and for considering my application. I will look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours faithfully,

Lisa Murphy