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To: Byrne Wallace
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strong interest in the Trainee Solicitor position at Byrne Wallace. With extensive professional experience and a keen desire to learn and grow within a reputable and esteemed law firm, I am excited about the prospect of joining your team.

Throughout my academic journey and professional experiences, I have developed a solid foundation in Irish legal jurisprudence and a strong commitment to continuing my professional development and furthering my knowledge and skills. I initially completed an LL.B. degree in History at Maynooth University. Thereafter, I enrolled in the two-year Master of Legal Science programme at Maynooth University, where I effectively completed four years of undergraduate modules, complete with a dissertation.

I have gained extensive practical experience during my career, particularly in my last two roles as a legal executive within Ivor Fitzpatrick Solicitors and ORIX Aviation Systems Limited, respectively. During my time at Ivor Fitzpatrick, I progressed from a junior role, where I arranged booklets of papers for court and attended on legal counsel, to taking on a role as a fee earner for various clients in different sectors over the next three years. This increased my commercial awareness, as I worked with different businesses across a multitude of sectors and developed my legal knowledge, as each role entailed working within a different jurisdiction of the Irish court system. It also improved my adaptability as it was necessary to learn new working processes and procedures for each role.

My role in ORIX Aviation has provided me with experience in a corporate legal environment, as I have assisted our award-winning team of experienced lawyers in dozens of complex commercial transactions relating to the sale, purchase and re-leasing of aircraft. During this period, from March 2022 to May 2023, I completed all eight of the FE-1 examinations on the first attempt, over three sittings while working full time. These experiences have honed my ability to communicate effectively, assume ownership of workstreams, and have given me invaluable insight into the day-to-day operations of a law firm/legal team, whether that be in a litigious or commercial context.

I am particularly impressed by the diverse and dynamic practice areas in which Byrne Wallace operates. Your firm's emphasis on mentorship and training aligns perfectly with my goals and aspirations as a trainee solicitor. I am confident that the opportunity to work under the guidance of your experienced legal professionals will not only help me further refine my legal skills but also contribute to your firm's continued success.

I believe my extensive professional experience and professional skills make me an excellent candidate for a trainee solicitor position at Byrne Wallace. I would be grateful to be considered for an opportunity to become part of your team, contribute to the firm's ongoing success, and develop into a skilled and knowledgeable lawyer who can deliver the highest legal services to your clients.

Enclosed is my C.V, which further details my academic and professional background. I would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss how my qualifications and experience could potentially contribute to the firm.

Thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Forde