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Ms Crona McLoughlin

Graduate Recruitment Section

Byrne Wallace Solicitors

87/88 Harcourt Street

Dublin 2

**Re: Trainee Solicitor Application.**

Dear Ms McLouglin,

I wish to apply for the Trainee Solicitor Programme as advertised on the Byrne Wallace website.

There are a number of reasons as to why I am so interested in becoming a solicitor and in securing a place on the Byrne Wallace Traineeship Programme.

Firstly, I have always had a strong desire to become a solicitor. It is a career that demands knowledge, precision and excellent interpersonal and communication skills. These are attributes that I value very highly and ones which I feel come naturally to me. I am an excellent communicator and a team player, the length of my employment with Wines Direct I feel is testament to that. Working for both Wines Direct and the Revenue Commissioners has allowed me to build a range of skills that I feel are readily transferable to working as a solicitor.

 I would also like to become a solicitor because I feel that I have the inherent aptitude to be a success as a lawyer. English has always been my strong suit, both in written and oral form and this ability to present lucid, well-researched and well-written arguments are essential attributes for any prospective solicitor.

I am particularly interested in the Byrne Wallace Traineeship Programme for a number of factors. It is clear from my research on the firm that it is an innovative, dynamic organisation, providing a range of legal services both in Ireland and internationally. The firm is also a leading practitioner in a number of areas where my own specific interests lie.

 I am also keen to secure a contract with Byrne Wallace as the training provided is second to none. There is a wealth of experience and expertise within the firm from which trainees can draw from. In addition to this there is huge opportunity for career development within Byrne Wallace. I would relish the opportunity to play a role in the architecture of large commercial transactions that solicitors at Byrne Wallace regularly construct.

Furthermore, the culture at Byrne Wallace sounds very appealing. The collegial approach to fostering legal knowledge amongst all staff represents an excellent opportunity for trainees to grow into leading legal practitioners.

My experience of studying law in Trinity and the practical business experience I have gained from my working career, makes me an excellent candidate for this role. Being able to draw from both experiences will stand me in good stead for this position.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

**Mark Walsh**