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Re: Traineeship Application

To whom it may concern,

I would like to apply for the position of trainee solicitor which I saw advertised on your firms’ website.

I have recently completed my second sitting of 3 FE1 exams, having previously graduated with a Masters of Law from NUI, Maynooth with a high 2.1 honours degree and a BCL degree from NUI, Galway. I now wish to continue towards my ultimate career goal, which is to qualify as a solicitor and work for a highly reputable commercial law firm such as Byrne Wallace. This has been my aim since I was in secondary school and since then I have developed a passionate interest in the law through my own personal experiences, studies and interest in current affairs.

I firmly believe that I would be a valuable addition to the team at Byrne Wallace. I have the talent and ambition that is highly sought after by the top commercial law firms in Ireland. I am a committed, intelligent and open-minded individual with a desire to work for one of Ireland’s top commercial law firms. Communication, organization and decisiveness are some of my key personal traits and I have the ability to work on my own initiative or within a team equally well.

In order to succeed in a legal career I understand that it is vital at all times to maintain an objective and detached view of affairs so that one can always ensure they are acting in the best interests of the client and the firm. Through my various pastimes including martial arts, athletics and meditation I have developed a heightened awareness of my surroundings which I believe sets me apart from others in this regard. In life, as in work, I firmly believe that in order to overcome any challenge or obstacle, maintaining a simple approach and understanding the basics are fundamental to success. It is from such a stable platform that I hope to pursue a successful legal career.

I do believe that if I was afforded the opportunity to begin my legal career with Byrne Wallace, I would be provided with first rate training and a very suitable arena within which I could develop personally and professionally as a lawyer. I am applying to Byrne Wallace as I understand that the firm has a history of providing first rate training which is of vital importance for anyone seeking to carve out a successful career as a solicitor.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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