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Trainee Application

I am writing to apply for a trainee position with Byrne Wallace. In 2013 I graduated from Trinity College with an honours degree in History and Geography. Since leaving college I worked as the International Purchasing Manager with Global Components and formed my own company, MLI. There are two main aspects of this work that have influenced my decision to pursue a career in corporate law.

Firstly, through my direct experiences of navigating sole distributor agreements with Global Components I discovered an interest in the complexities and demands of international trade law. With the recent Brexit vote, this area of law has become even more complicated. This insight into international trade, tax and contract law sparked my enthusiasm for corporate law. Byrne Wallace's involvement within the innovative ALFA international network was a major contributory factor in my application to this firm.

Secondly, conducting business internationally, I was consistently impressed by how many CEOs and high level executives have a background in law. Their logical approach to problem solving, attention to detail and excellent verbal reasoning skills acquired through prior legal careers impressed me. I believe that Byrne Wallace's Lexcel accreditation and Law Firm of the Year award 2016 demonstrate their devotion to excellence. Therefore I would expect a demanding and challenging atmosphere in Byrne Wallace that would encourage the refinement of these skills.

I boast a wealth of experience dealing with international trade and possess a unique insight into the world of Irish start-ups. Thus, I have acquired a deep understanding of the needs of Irish business owners and the individual markets in which they operate. With seven years of experience in the corporate world I have honed my research, presentation and communication skills. I believe that the further development of these skills will make me an effective team member in Byrne Wallace. Furthermore, my determination, attention to detail and varied skillset will allow me to transition seamlessly into a successful career in law.

Furthermore, I am greatly interested in the energy sector. My interest in this area was developed while studying Geography in Trinity College. Ireland possesses some of the best engineering minds in the world. The rate of technological advancements being made in terms of sustainable energy sources and systems is astounding. The patent law and intellectual property law involved in the energy sector is another of my key interest areas. Thus, the recent award in Information Security, the ISO27001 for Byrne Wallace is particularly interesting to me.

I currently volunteer as a legal assistant with Free Legal Advice Centres. FLAC have been excellent in terms of providing training seminars on legal issues. Through this experience, I have encountered many different consultation styles in the advice clinics as well as being afforded excellent networking opportunities at various FLAC events. This exposure to the legal profession has augmented my legal knowledge to compliment my business experience.

I have recently sat my first 4 FE1'S in October 2016 and am awaiting the results. I plan to complete the remaining 4 in March 2017 and ideally I would like to commence PPC1 in September 2017. Please see attached a copy of my Curriculum Vitae for your kind attention. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience,

Yours sincerely,
Michael Lee.