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Dear Byrne Wallace Solicitors,

 I am writing to apply for a job as trainee solicitor as advertised on your website and LinkedIn page. I have passed all eight FE-1 examinations at the first time of asking and am ready to embark on an exciting legal career.

 During a rich and varied career, including 25 years as a journalist with an excellent track record, I have developed a great interest in law and I have the skills, knowledge and experience that would make me a great fit at Byrne Wallace.

 In my work as a newspaper sub-editor I worked nightly with in-house lawyers to minimise legal and financial risks such as defamation in a deadline-driven news publication business. I have excellent interviewing and research skills too. At work I also advocated for colleagues on pay, pensions and other matters. As a trustee I helped bring about changes to the works pension scheme for the benefit of members and the sponsoring employer.

 My interest in law has grown as a result of my experiences of reporting frequently from civil and criminal courts in Ireland and England, distilling sometimes complex cases into a readable and digestible format. I was also a regular guest on a legal affairs radio show while at the High Court. All this led me to study successfully at Griffith College for my FE-1 examinations.

 I believe I am the ideal candidate for the post of trainee solicitor as I know I will enjoy the broad range of interesting and challenging work offered by Byrne Wallace.

 I would really appreciate the chance of an interview so I can show you and the other partners what I could offer your business.

 Yours sincerely

 

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