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To whom it may concern

I am writing this cover letter to accompany my application for the role of Trainee Solicitor with your firm. Below, I will outline my suitability for this position.

I have a varied academic background, having studied Economics, Politics and Law at undergraduate level before going on to do an LLM primarily focusing on EU, Public and Environmental law. These studies helped me to develop an academic interest in law, which grew into a desire to practice as a Solicitor. This was assisted by my time as an Intern in a small firm in South Dublin and my work with DCU FLAC. I am committed to continuous learning and have enrolled in a Diploma in French recently.

Since graduating, I have gained relevant experience through my work with the NTMA and Mason Hayes & Curran, which have further nurtured my interest in law and allowed me to develop a diverse skillset in challenging but rewarding work environments. At the NTMA, I was responsible for writing monthly updates on Irish and EU legislative and policy developments of note for the NTMA and its various business units. In this capacity, I gained insight into areas such as Information, Financial Services, Employment Law, Data Protection, Data Sharing, Environmental Law, Energy and many others. The experience of reading the raw legislation and policy documents and writing short explanatory notes tailored for a non-legal audience was also invaluable. Both through my work with FOI and Parliamentary Questions in the NTMA and with data protection in Mason Hayes & Curran I have spent time working under strict deadlines, some of which are set out in statute as well as gaining experience making logical determinations based on a set of facts within the constraints of a statutory framework (subject to approval from management).

Additionally, I would regard my work within a top law firm's Client Service and Legal Department as valuable experience which would assist me in the role of Trainee Solicitor. Particularly as I have been able to assist with reviews of contracts to identify critical issues and have had the opportunity to witness and research what makes for top-quality client service in the legal sector. Furthermore, during my internship in the summer of 2018, I worked in an office support role. This included making phone calls, engaging with clients, summons serving, preparing briefs and attending court with the Solicitor under which I worked. I spent extensive time in court as a Judicial Intern in the summer of 2019.

The prospect of carrying my career even further with your firm is one which I am very excited about; I would relish the opportunity to deploy the skills described in your firm's service. Byrne Wallace has a superb reputation and offers a wide array of services which I would be very excited to train in. I hope to complete my remaining two FE-1s in the next sitting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully
Paul Mulready