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Byrne Wallace
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Re: Application for position of Trainee Solicitor

Dear Partners,

I refer to the above and have attached my cv herewith for your consideration.

I am at present attempting to secure a post as a Trainee Solicitor in a firm where I believe I can best develop and grow my skills as a future Solicitor, while at the same time bringing value and benefit to that firm. A firm such as Byrne Wallace who practice in such a broad selection of legal areas is one that greatly appeal to me. I have a keen interest in many of the areas practiced in at Byrne Wallace and it is therefore the type of firm I feel I would excel in. I am confident that a career in Byrne Wallace would see me exposed to many different areas of law at the highest level.

The highly regarded reputation of Byrne Wallace and the level of its success is something which I find very attractive. A firm such as Byrne Wallace filled with highly successful, driven and ambitious people is the type of place I want to be. As they say you are the accumulation of the people your surround yourself with, as an ambitious and determined individual my goal is to surround myself with like-minded people. I am confident that these are the type of people I would be surrounded with in Byrne Wallace.

I am very much a people person and strongly believe that it is very important to make an effort to get along with the people you are working with. For me personally a work environment is of extreme importance. The atmosphere and relations in a work place can be the difference between enjoying going into work every morning and not. I feel it is important therefore to build relationships with work colleagues, ones of trust, confidence and support. It is important to be there for your colleagues when they need you, in trust that they will return the favour. Team work is key. I have maintained this attitude towards colleagues thus far in my working career and it is something which I endeavour to always carry with me.

I feel very strongly about balance in life in relation to work. I think it is important to work hard and to the best of your ability but not to let work consume your life. I am aware that work in a very busy law firm has its demands and will require a lot of time, I still believe with careful time management it is possible to live a balanced life. I think a persons attitude towards work and demanding situations in general comes into play here. I by my nature am a

very relaxed person, I tend not to panic easily. I feel that this is an attitude that has served me well and I feel that it is suited to a career in law. I think getting too stressed over work/study/life does not make a situation any better. For me any situation is what it is and it is important to face such situations head on, accept them for what they are and think of the best approach to take to resolve the situation or whatever the case maybe.

I am confident that I have a lot to offer a firm such as Byrne Wallace. I am a very dedicated and enthusiastic individual. I am prepared to work very hard to achieve success, in turn benefiting the firm. I feel that my legal experience will be beneficial to a new role. I am also confident that my communication and interpersonal skills which I have developed to a high standard having worked in retail for many years will also be very well utilised.

I wish to thank you for taking the time to consider my application for a position with your firm and hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Murphy