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Dear Ms Beth Onslow,

I am a graduate from The University of Manchester determined to develop my career with international work at one of Ireland's leading law firms. For this reason I am applying for a training contract with ByrneWallace. It is renowned particularly for its work in banking and finance which is hugely appealing to me.

My experience in this area with LK Shields has enhanced my understanding of it. I have responsibility for smaller files which require the drafting of mortgage and other related documents. Furthermore, I have to co-ordinate with solicitors to ensure that conditions are being met before closing occurs. It has given me a foundational knowledge of what is required as part of a basic loan transaction.

However, I also want to gain exposure to a wider range of areas throughout my training in areas such as corporate and capital markets. ByrneWallace is able to offer a more dynamic and structured traineeship in this sense compared to LK Shields, where I can only train in one seat.

My time at Allen & Overy allowed me to gain insight into different areas. For example, I worked on a trademark project for a global pharmaceutical company, led a team on a corporate data room matter, and attended the firm's global conference for law firms. It illustrated the key benefits to seeing how different practices of law firms work and I believe it is important that my training incorporates this aspect.

I also want to train at a firm with an active calendar outside of work. I am an avid sports fan and I have embraced responsibility through it. At university I was vice captain of the law hockey team. At LK Shields I have been captain of the tag rugby team which involved organising matches on a weekly basis. I also took part in the Calcutta Run.

Further, I am passionate about snowboarding. I have been doing this for 13 years, having boarded in Europe and North America. I hope to board in Japan and New Zealand at my next opportunity as part of my aim to discover new and exciting resorts.

I believe these experiences and personal attributes will ensure that I can thrive in the culture of ByrneWallace and make a valuable contribution to its continuing growth. Thank you for considering my application, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Knocker