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Dear Beth Onslow,

I am writing to apply for the trainee position at ByrneWallace. I just completed my LL.M. in Intellectual Property and Information Law at King's College London. I graduated from Trinity College Dublin with a Firsts Class Honours in Law and German in 2015.

I want to become a solicitor because I believe I have all the relevant skills and I enjoy working both with people and with rules. Having lived and studied in multiple countries, I developed a strong interest in international economic connections and commercial relations. I studied both Irish and German contract law and commercial law and gained practical experience by doing an internship in a commercial law firm in Hamburg. Law is important in every commercial transaction and I want to train at ByrneWallace to use my skills in practice.

One specific aspect of commercial law that interests me is the commercial use of intellectual property. I was also at the top of the class for a module analysing IP and strategic considerations in important types of transactions (incl. M&As, licensing and franchising). I am also interested in the quickly developing field of technology and how this raises new legal issues and opportunities. Working at a forward looking firm like ByrneWallace with strong expertise in corporate and IP law and the technology sector would give me the opportunity to pursue my interests.

I am enthusiastic and able to learn and develop quickly which I proved during my studies, as well as work. During my internship at Huth Dietrich and Hahn, I was quickly able to complete legal research dealing with German and international contracts and draft legal documents, despite my relatively junior stage of my legal education at the time and my main focus on Irish law. Due to my ability to quickly learn and adapt and my strong organisational skills, even as a non-permanent team member at Keywords, I was entrusted with additional responsibilities to organise work and support the team lead.

In my free time I am passionate about tennis and have taken part in individual and also team competitions since I was eight. This gave me the opportunity to improve and compete as an individual, while at the same time contributing to the success of a team. I greatly enjoy working with others to achieve targets. At Keywords, we were able to effectively work together and always completed our tasks within the deadlines even under high pressure. In college, I was involved in several mentoring programmes which further helped me to develop my interpersonal skills.

With my strong academic background, flexibility to quickly adapt to any legal subject, switch between two languages with ease and focus on team work, I think I would be a good addition to ByrneWallace.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

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