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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am thrilled to be applying for the Trainee Programme at Byrne Wallace Solicitors. I am a BCLF Law and French graduate from University College Cork. I have just completed my FE-1 examinations.

I became interested in pursuing a career in a full-service law firm after discovering my passion for a fast-paced environment - between work in a barristers' office, solicitor's office, various customer service roles, and currently in Allied Irish Banks. Through my varied experience I have developed my communication and problem-solving skills and I am excited to begin a career where I can utilise these skills in an intellectually challenging, yet supportive, environment. I believe that a career in a law firm like Byrne Wallace will involve a combination of my passion for finding creative solutions and working collaboratively, as well as being continuously challenged and pushed in my work.

Byrne Wallace will provide an ideal environment in which to match my previous experiences with my career ambitions. I am looking to be exposed to a wide variety of work in a number of different departments where I would be given meaningful levels of responsibility. The firm's expertise in a range of practice areas, as well as commitment to supporting local businesses and organisations, present an exciting opportunity to maximise my learning experience as a trainee. I am intrigued by the firm's broad-range of responsibilities; both commercially and socially.

I admire the extent Byrne Wallace Solicitors goes to in ensuring different perspectives are being taken into consideration and everyone is made to feel welcome. The culture of equality, which is securely implemented throughout their business, is very refreshing to see. From advising Circle Voluntary Housing Association to supporting various charities, Byrne Wallace value being a balanced organisation, and this was significant for me when deciding to apply for this Trainee programme.

I imagine following this approach is key to the firm's success, as creating an environment in which trainees are trusted and encouraged to provide real input, lends to unique and effective legal solutions. I believe the exposure to such an environment will give me the requisite skills necessary to make the transition from trainee to solicitor. On a personal level I want to feel supported in my professional development and I am keen to secure a great role in a friendly and progressive firm, which I believe Byrne Wallace to be.

This firm can offer me the opportunity of developing my skillset by exposing me to so many different areas of law, something that perhaps a smaller firm could not give me. Working in a leading multi-disciplinary law firm, with various local and national clients, will enhance my commercial awareness and corporate knowledge, and inspire me to go the extra mile to succeed. The firm has a strong reputation for professionalism and support in developing their lawyers to be the best that they can - driving an influential and inspiring workforce which makes a real impact on society. It is clear that strong interpersonal and communication skills, as well as having the ability to prioritise tasks and work effectively under pressure are particularly important to the skillset of a solicitor at this firm. My previous experience has allowed me to develop these skills to a particularly high standard, and I am confident that the competencies I have developed from my degree, work experience and other activities, will enable me to excel as a trainee at Byrne Wallace.

Thank you very much for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Burke.