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Ms Beth Onslow,
ByrneWallace,
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Dear Ms. Onslow,

I wish to apply for the position of trainee solicitor as advertised on your website. I obtained a Bachelor's degree in History and Politics from University College Dublin achieving high a 2.1 in 2014 and a Masters in Management from Smurfit Business School achieving a 1st ranking 8th in my class in 2015.

I am applying for the trainee programme because I plan to pursue a career which incorporates both business and law, both of which I am passionate about. I am particularly interested in your firm because it is a leading Irish commercial firm, but most of all because the firm is at the forefront of developments in the legal profession in Ireland having being voted Law Firm of the Year in 2016. Furthermore, I believe working in a firm that are focused on continuous professional development, where you are encouraged to achieve your best, every day would offer me a really challenging and interesting career. Attending the ByrneWallace open evening allowed me to get a real sense of the firm and the people who work there. From talking to current trainees such as Adam James Carey and Kelly Mackey both of whom spoke so highly of the trainee programme and the experience they have gained. I also spoke with a partner Deirdre Lynch who told me about the investment of time and experience ByrneWallace give to their trainee programme to ensure their trainees develop a broad range of skills and knowledge which will be of benefit to the firm in the long run as the retention of trainees in ByrneWallance is very high. This only solidified my decision to apply to your trainee programme.

I am an excellent candidate for the trainee programme due to my strong academic achievements, my relevant work experience, as well as my personal attributes. I have vast and varied work experience background including being part of the Bord Gáis Energy graduate programme which has provided me with a wealth of experience in a number of different business areas including Regulation, Customer Operations, Retail and Assets & Trading. I believe this experience coupled with my business masters provides me with the commercial awareness you look for in your trainees. I am currently a legal intern at Denis I.

Finn Solicitors gaining experience including legal research, providing client assistance and preparing files for court. Furthermore, my part-time jobs working as a waitress enhanced my communication, interpersonal, and problem solving skills through building relationships with customers and dealing with complaints daily.

My involvement with team sports, together with my work experience on staff teams and participation in team based projects in college have enabled me to develop a keen understanding of the importance of teamwork.

I understand ByrneWallace are looking for trainees who are ambitious and are driven to achieve excellence, which I believe I am. I also possess traits such as drive, determination and perseverance and I believe I would be a good fit for your firm. From a very young age I have been interested in law. In 4th year in school I chose legal studies as one of my modules and did work experience in a law firm as law was the only career I wanted to pursue. While I have faced adversity in reaching my goal such as my brother being diagnosed with Leukaemia in my Leaving Certificate year, and was given a low life expectancy which led me to have to board at school as my mother spent most of her time in the hospital with him, this affected me and in turn my studies meaning I didn't get the points I felt I deserved. After my undergraduate degree in UCD I planned to pursue a Masters in Law in UCD however it was cancelled due to lack of interest. My passion to pursue a career in law never wavered and that is why I left Bord Gáis Energy despite being offered a full time position to pursue my lifelong dream of being a solicitor.

Yours sincerely,

Robyn Pim