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Ref: Trainee Solicitor

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a dynamic, ambitious and highly motivated qualified accountant (ACA). My career objective is to qualify as a legal professional with financial expertise. My experience working at EY, a “Big 4” accounting firm, would make me an effective and unique trainee solicitor, whose impact would be felt immediately. Why I am applying to your company is easy to answer: Byrne Wallace stands out with its impressive reputation, strong client focus and a structured, well supported trainee programme, which provides exposure to the main practice areas and also the opportunity of exploring areas of particular interest.

I demonstrated many competencies in my role with EY that would successfully transfer to Byrne Wallace. In addition to building trust and nurturing relationships with clients, I was required to be commercially aware and think strategically about clients’ market and financial positions, as well as their regulatory demands, in order to provide an excellent service and so uphold the reputation of EY. I gained experience of operating in a professional, fast-paced environment, while producing high quality work. I needed to be well organised and work under pressure in order to manage a challenging workload, meet multiple deadlines and, at the same time, successfully completing my Associate Chartered Accountant (ACA) exams.

My first degree is Marine Science. At school I was interested in the environment, but realised during my degree studies that I didn’t want to pursue a career in this area. Deciding I wanted a career in law and finance, I completed my MSc in Corporate Finance, qualified as a Chartered Accountant and am now studying for my FE-1 exams. I find the study of law intellectually stimulating and enjoy the problem solving challenges the subject presents. I am currently working in a general practice law firm as a legal assistant to gain experience while studying (I will have completed five FE-1 subjects in November and will complete the remaining exams in March 2021). In a short space of time I have been exposed to a number of general practice areas including the creation of wills, PIAB applications, reading affidavits, sourcing documentation and liaising with clients. I look forward to qualifying as a solicitor and working in a profession that requires people skills, innovative, creative thinking and sound judgement.

I keep fit by practicing Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu competitively and running recreationally. In my free time I enjoy writing essays and reading philosophy for its logic and analysis on how we experience life. I also play bass and electric guitar.

I believe a trainee with my background could make a positive contribution to the continuing success of Byrne Wallace and would appreciate the opportunity of discussing how at interview. Thank you for taking the time to consider my application. I have attached a copy of my Curriculum Vitae for your consideration. I am available for interview at your request.

Yours faithfully,

Seamus Ennis, ACA