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Dear Sir/Madam,

## **Re: Trainee Solicitor Position**

I am applying for the position of Trainee Solicitor as advertised by ByrneWallace, and I attach my CV for your consideration.

I am a graduate of the University of Manchester 2011, where I completed a Bachelor of English Law with French Law; this degree provided me with a firm grounding in law and a fundamental learning of legal discipline. As part of this degree I spent a year studying at Université Jean Moulin Lyon III in Lyon, France, which enhanced both my French skills and my capacity to adapt to a foreign culture.

In 2013 whilst in fulltime employment I completed a Masters of Environmental Law and Sustainable Development at Queen's University Belfast. This Masters broadened the scope of my legal understanding with new knowledge in fields such as oil, gas and energy industries, as well teaching me to balance a busy workload alongside further study. My education at these top academic institutions has enabled me to easily grasp new legal concepts and processes, and appreciate new challenges.

Upon completion of my Bachelor's degree I worked in Herbert Smith Freehills for four years gaining vast experience across Corporate, Disputes and Funds practice areas. I have worked with lawyers at all levels completing high value work in a time-pressured environment to consistently meet client demands.

I am dedicated to pursuing a career as a lawyer; I am interested in understanding what drives a client's business, and how best to help achieve their business objectives. For this reason I am highly attracted to ByrneWallace's prestigious traineeship programme in Dublin. It is clear that ByrneWallace are experts in commercial law and I am drawn to the excellent calibre of work and corporate expertise available at the firm. The nature of the firm would allow me to have exposure to innovative and complex work in a multicultural setting whilst delivering an outstanding service to clients.

I value a high level of client care, and believe it fundamental to any business to have superior interpersonal skills. I was brought up in Africa and Northern Ireland, this combined with my experience studying in the UK, and France, as well as working in Australian two state governments departments (Sydney and Melbourne) has moulded me into a flexible, adaptable and sociable person. As evidenced on my CV I enjoy getting involved, and contributing to the workplace by raising money for charity, running committees and organising many social events, all of which help to engender staff cohesion.

I consider that my ambitious and positive character is something I can bring to the firm. It is evident to me that ByrneWallace values and invests in staff development, learning and promotes corporate spirit, this is one of the many reasons I am drawn to the firm. As an analytical individual with a proven history of exceeding expectations through performance, I believe I would be able to participate and contribute to the ongoing success and excellence of ByrneWallace. I am a dedicated, enthusiastic and motivated individual who thrives in a team environment; as such I firmly believe the experience I gained will make me the ideal candidate for your firm.

All referee contact details and academic certifications can be provided on request. I look forward to hearing from you, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Siobhan Mazarire