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Ref: Trainee Solicitor Programme

Dear Ms Murray,

I would like to apply for a traineeship at ByrneWallace for 2021 as the excellent training programme is unique in the opportunities, mentorship system and guidance that it offers to trainees. Further, the collegial and collaborative environment sets ByrneWallace apart.

The firm's ethos of corporate social responsibility, decency and integrity, evidenced in numerous awards including Legal Advisor to the Public Service 2019, is inspiring and resonates with my values. ByrneWallace stands out as a leading firm providing reliable, expert and trustworthy legal services.

ByrneWallace takes on and addresses challenges facing society today and through a responsive approach is positioned to lead the way in adapting to the changing environment. I am particularly drawn to the opportunities to work in assisting the public sector including in health care law and employment. I am also interested in the opportunity to work in Life Sciences, Energy and Natural Resources, and in Environmental law.

I chose to study law as I enjoy the process of analysing complex issues, applying a legal analysis and working towards best possible solutions. I gained invaluable work experience interning at two law firms and at a legal aid clinic where I had opportunities to develop and apply practical legal skills. These experiences solidified my commitment to pursue a career in law.

In addition, the potential of law to effect positive social change is important to me. Following the completion of my LLB in South Africa, I pursued my interest in international humanitarian law and human rights through studying for an LLM (graduated *cum laude*) in Switzerland. Further, through interning at UNAIDS in Geneva, I gained appreciation of the impact of the law at both national and international levels. I am excited to further my legal training through qualifying as a solicitor.

My education and work experience have equipped me well to contribute effectively as a trainee at ByrneWallace. Given the opportunity, I would be dedicated to give of my best to all aspects of the training programme.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Tessa Mitchell