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Re: Summer Internship Programme 2024

To whom it may concern,

I am currently working as a Conveyancing Assistant with Ken Kennedy Solicitors, while studying for my FE1 exams. I assist fee earners with a mixed caseload of sale, purchase and lease files. My work includes reviewing title deeds and documents, drafting replies to requisitions on title, responding to and managing Public Registration Authority queries and corresponding with clients from inception to completion of a transaction.

Since graduating from TUD with a law degree, I amassed a diverse and broad range of experience in various areas of law, corporate and banking. This included working in Iraq on a United Nations investigation on ISIS crimes against humanity. My role as a Legal and Advocacy Assistant required me to review and analyse hundreds of statements and interviews from mainly female survivors held captive by ISIS in 2014. This work exposed me to a high volume of detailed documentation, which required quick turnaround times, organisation, and most of all – resilience. In addition, I wrote an article on the issues facing the Yazidi community, which was published in the Irish Time, please see <u>here</u>.

My work in KPMG exposed me to corporate and banking. I required the ability to work on my own and liaise with the entire team, adapt to changing environments in high pressure situations, train other members of staff and liaise with clients. My previous and current roles require me to demonstrate both personal and professional decision-making abilities, as well as to adapt to environments involving high pressure and sensitive situations.

Byrne Wallace stands out to me because of the firms strong presence in both corporate and public law, all of which I am particularly interested in. Most notably, it prides itself on their excellent understanding of the issues and culture within the public sector and is ranked as a top performer Tier 1 firm in this sector. My prior and current experience has exposed me to both areas and as a result, Byrne Wallace is a firm that I highly regard and would very much like to work and continue my learning with.

Your faithfully, Sadhbh Gallagher