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To: Mrs. Karen Dempsey
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Application for the Trainee Solicitor Programme

Dear Mrs.Dempsey,

I am a French Student currently working at the European Patent Office in Munich as part of the Pan-European Seal traineeship programme, and would like to apply for the trainee Solicitor Programme offered by Fieldfisher. Indeed, your commitments to your trainees, your reputation of excellency as well as your international dimension are what I have always been looking for in my future employer.

My ties with Ireland

I am a former student of Trinity College Dublin who graduated with first honours in September 2020. As you can see on my resume, my master thesis was related to both data protection and technology as I studied the transparency requirements in the EU governance of algorithmic decision-makings. I also have currently the opportunity to learn a lot about AI and the transparency challenges it raises, as I am working in the Chief Technology Office of the European Patent Office in Munich. I think that Ireland, location of the headquarters of so many famous 'big tech' companies, is probably the best place to be to keep working on this relation between new technologies and data protection.

International orientation

Through its 25 offices all around the world as well as your country dedicated teams, your firm shows a strong international orientation. I have myself an international profile and could therefore easily fit in: born in France, I worked as a volunteer for monument restoration in Italy and Spain, studied six months in India (Bangalore), one year in Ireland (Dublin), and am currently working at the European Patent Office as a trainee for one year. Thanks to my master degree in French Business law, and my LL.M in laws from Trinity, I also have knowledge about French, Irish and European laws.

International secondment aside, I think that this characteristic shows my flexibility and my adaptability skills. Moreover, it proves that I am able to work in a multi-cultural environment with an international team.

Practical knowledge and interest for data protection and technologies

My dual master degree in business and financial law taught me how to work efficiently under pressure and in a fast-paced environment, which is important in a law firm, and how to work in team: for instance, I work as a consultant apprentice with a group of classmate to help the French robot manufacturer SEPRO to design and organize its digital transition. I also gained insights regarding companies' expectations and functioning, as I worked as an intern in a telecommunication companies for three months, and in a subsidiary of the Dutch company ABN AMRO for 6 months. During these two internships, I learnt how to become autonomous and how to take initiatives. Attracted by new technologies, I for instance created an interactive database for the legal department of ABN AMRO's subsidiary, that allowed the in-house lawyers to find a contract more easily with the name of the contractor or the date of signature. I have indeed technical knowledge in coding: I studied Artificial intelligence during my semester in Bangalore, and chose a specialization in business related to new technologies.

Theoretical knowledge in data protection and new technologies

During my LL.M in Trinity, I was given the opportunity to study in depth data protection through dedicated courses and through my master thesis. This is the reason why I am particularly attracted by your specialisation in data protection. I am well aware that your firm provides the opportunity to choose different specialist areas through the rotation opportunities, and would like to use this opportunity to keep improving my skills not only in data protection and the regulation of technologies but also on the banking and finance area, that I studied during my law master degree in France, and through the business prism in business school. This dual degree also allows me to have a commercial approach for legal problems.

Other soft skills

Finally, I want to highlight that I studied humanities and French literature during my undergraduate studies. This background helped me to improve my communication skills, both in speaking (I played theatre as an amateur) and in writing (I was the head of communication of Audencia Enactus, a student association promoting social entrepreneurship). This focus on Literature (mostly French, but also English) taught me how to pay attention to detail and to understand the nuances embedded in a sentence.

I am well aware that a cover letter and a C.V. are enough to adequately describe my personality and to show you how motivated I am and how a traineeship in your lawfirm would be such a dream opportunity to me. Therefore, I am available for any further question.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Yours sincerely

Camille Alègre