Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am a BCL (Law and French) student at Maynooth University. As I am in the final year of my degree, I am searching for a graduate programme. From my studies I have a keen interest in the areas of Employment Law, Child Care Law and Environmental Law. In this letter I will explain why I am interested in your Trainee Solicitor Programme and then I will highlight why my current skills make me suitable.

From my research, it is evident that you have an excellent team specialising in Employment Law. I am studying Employment Law this semester and so far, I find the course content very interesting. I was impressed by your firm's dedication to ensure quality for the family and enforcing individual rights. I really admire your firms’ ethos and that is why I would like to apply for your trainee solicitor programme.

Another reason why I would like to complete your Trainee Solicitor Programme is because your dedication to Child Care Law. The early years of a child's development is extremely important, and it is necessary to protect them in the best legal way possible. Therefore, I admire the fact your firm has one of the largest team of trained solicitors to deal with issues in relation to Child Care Law. One of the main reasons why I want to become a solicitor is to protect the most vulnerable in society. Therefore, your support of children's rights is very important for me.

The last area in which I would like to specialise in the future is Environmental Law and therefore the Trainee Solicitor Programme would give me further insight into this area of law. All aspects of the environment need to be protected to ensure a sustainable future for all. I was impressed by your Integrated Pollution Prevention Control (IPPC) programme and your regulatory services to prevent air, noise and marine pollution. We have seen the damage environmental disasters have had on our environment and I hope to play a role in protecting the environment through legal guidelines.

After explaining the reasons why, I would like to work for your firm, I would now like to follow on by stating what skills I have and what I can offer as a graduate.

Firstly, from my work in retail, I have excellent communication and teamwork skills. I have worked in a butcher shop all through the pandemic and this experience is forever teaching me valuable skills. Firstly, I have developed my communication skills from dealing with customers at the serving counter. During the pandemic, my co-workers and I had to pull together to ensure the customers' needs were met. Therefore, my part time job has improved my communication and teamwork skills.

In 2019 I was selected to assist Dr. Amina Adanan *(Lecturer of Law at Maynooth University)* in researching the War Crime Trials which occurred following the Holocaust. This experience taught me how to research independently and from sticking to work deadlines I improved my time keeping skills.

I would also like to finally add that I completed the Erasmus Programme in Lyon France in 2019-2020. Here I developed my skills in the French language and experienced the French culture. Therefore, I can communicate and interpret in the French language and thus I can communicate with international clients.

To conclude I have given a brief description of why I would like to apply for your trainee solicitor programme what skills I currently possess. There are other skills that I need to improve but at present I have excellent teamwork skills, I am a dedicated researcher and I also can communicate in another language. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Aisling Gormley.