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Dear Ms Murray,

I wish to apply for a **Traineeship** at your firm and enclose my CV and completed application form. My ultimate short-term ambition is to finally complete my training and become a solicitor. This is a personal goal which is of paramount importance to me and that I am extremely passionate about. My early professional career has included varied work experience where I’ve gained exposure in areas such as procurement, sourcing, operations, research and public policy. Ultimately, this been valuable both from a personal growth perspective and also very relevant to my overall career objective in law. I believe this ability to work in various related but sometimes different work envirornments is intrinsically one of my greatest strengths – because it not only demonstrates my capacity to adapt to changing circumstances; it is proof that I can be continually successful through a combination of my skills, passion, ambition, focus, hard work ethic and my determination. I have never been afraid to try new things, and have the courage to accept calculated risk in order to improve my self personally and professionally.

Currently, I am employed at **Twitter** as a **Procurement Analyst** and play an active role in the progression and completion of contract negotiations globally. Prior to the pandemic I worked at **Twitter** as a **Public Policy Fellow** and had the opportunity to work on a wide variety of policy (and legal) issues that are prevalent in the technology industry. Before that I worked in the **European Parliament** after being successfully selected as an Irish **Schumann Trainee**. Throughout this experience I collaborated with various European colleagues and contributed to projects that will result in great advancements in addressing challenges with EU policy. Furthermore, I have worked in-house as a **Legal Intern** for both **Irish Water** and **Synchronoss Technologies**. Both experiences afforded me the opportunity to acquire **practical legal experience**. In particular, the Irish Water internship was extremely beneficial in relation to my professional development in that, I accumulated a lot of practical experience in contract law, litigation & dispute resolution, and data protection. On both occasions I received very positive feedback and contract extensions.

Academically, I have also been successful. I recently obtained a professional diploma in Project Management at the UCD Professional Academy with a distinction. In addition, **I have successfully passed all eight FE1’s with no repeat sittings.** Prior to that, I graduated with a **1st Class Honours LL.M.** from **Trinity College Dublin** in International and European Intellectual Property Law and graduated with a **1st in my BCL** (Law and Society) degree from DCU. Furthermore, I ranked first place in both my postgraduate and undergraduate degree classes respectively. I passed both my LL.M and the FE1’s while working full-time.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Dunne