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Emily Murray  
Human Resources Generalist  
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Re: Trainee Solicitor Programme

Dear Emily

I am writing to express my interest in the Trainee Solicitor Programme at ByrneWallace. I am a Russian and Italian graduate of Trinity College Dublin, and I am currently employed as a Legal Review Analyst in McCann FitzGerald. Having worked in commercial law firms for the past three years following my graduation, I have been exposed to a wide range of work in different areas of the law. This experience has confirmed my ambition to work in a commercial law firm, in particular a full service law firm with a national and international client base such as ByrneWallace.

In my legal career to date, I have found that the balance between catering to both the business and legal needs of the client in a world where business trends are continuously changing and legislation is constantly evolving, has provided me with a career that is both highly challenging and satisfying. Depending on client issues, the complex nature of cases in commercial law often provides for continuous learning on both a national and international scale, as well as sharpening one's critical analysis and legal drafting skills.

I highly enjoy the social aspect of having a career in a commercial law firm. In addition to having an advanced level of business acumen, soft skills are of utmost importance in order to successfully engage with clients in a commercial law setting. The possibility of fostering a long-lasting client relationship is an aspect of commercial law that I would really value, and do not feel is possible in many other areas of the law.

I believe that my language skills would be particularly beneficial for a career in a full service law firm. Aside from reading and translating material in Russian, my experience has allowed me to become familiar with case law and legislation from jurisdictions outside Ireland. With globalisation rapidly progressing in line with increasingly high client expectations, I believe that having both the knowledge and skills required to navigate other jurisdictions, legal frameworks, and political landscapes, would be an asset to a full service firm with a national and international client base, such as ByrneWallace.

On a professional level, it is very important to me that I am not only continuously learning, but am also of assistance to any team that I am working with. At ByrneWallace, the commitment to continuous personal and professional development, would provide me with the tools to not only qualify as a well-rounded and competent solicitor, but to also have the opportunity to excel in the area of law in which I will ultimately specialise. Moreover, the focus on each trainee continuing to progress in their career at ByrneWallace is something that would be very important to me. As I am committed to a career in law, my goal is to work in a full service firm where career progression is actively encouraged and supported. The fact that the trainees at ByrneWallace are viewed as the future solicitors and partners is a significant reason for my application to the Firm.

These elements make the traineeship programme at ByrneWallace particularly stand out for me, and it would be an environment I would be grateful to work in.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider my application, and if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Anastasia McCarthy