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Emily Murray

HR Generalist

ByrneWallace

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Dear Emily Murray,

**Re: Trainee Solicitor Programme Application**

I wish to be considered for the 2022 Trainee Solicitor Programme. My experience as a paralegal and my academic background in Law and Economics makes me an excellent candidate for the position of Trainee Solicitor.

My desire to work in a commercial law firm advanced throughout my studies and extra-curricular involvements such as ELSA. My current role as a ‘funding and liquidity’ paralegal at AIB has allowed me to put my knowledge and skills attained during my studies to use, both pragmatically and practically. My responsibilities have helped develop my detail orientation and the ability to breakdown complex issues in technical areas of law such as securitisation and financial regulation. This work has given me first-hand experience in understanding the commerciality and practical implications of law in the context of transactions.

I am applying to ByrneWallace due to the culture. The emphasis the firm places on collaboration through its work practices, including an open-door policy and involving trainees directly in client work, stand out to me as a work environment and culture I could see myself working in. The opportunity for both formal and informal interactions with senior staff is a crucial part of the learning experience for a trainee, and hence why these practices are important to me. I have gained a feel for the firm’s culture through interactions at the Trainee Insight Webinar, Open Evenings and ELSA. These interactions served as an excellent opportunity to learn about the day-to-day work of a trainee and experience the collaborative, progressive and honest culture within the firm. I see myself as being well-suited to the firm’s culture and diverse commercial client work. Through both my research and these experiences I think I would be well-suited to the firm’s culture.

As a result of my varied and extensive work experience, I am confident in my ability to work within a commercial environment, speak with clients and apply myself to any practice area I work in. The firm’s involvement in high profile, complex transactions and cases in areas including Capital Markets, Construction and Life Sciences interests me, as I want to work in an environment that challenges me. ByrneWallace’s progressive approach, illustrated through the growth mindset of the firm’s solicitors and the focus on continued development of staff at all levels is something which attracts me to the firm. I am compelled by the standout quality of work the firm provides. The firm is somewhere I can see myself developing throughout my career as a trainee and beyond, and therefore would be a good fit for my career aspirations.

I believe that my technical legal skills, strong work ethic and commercial awareness make me an optimal fit for the role of Trainee Solicitor, and in time, I will be a valuable asset to your firm.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ciara Byrne