Byrne Wallace,

Dublin,

Ireland.

22 October 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to apply for a traineeship. I have recently completed a masters degree in Intellectual Property Law at the University of Edinburgh. I have successfully completed my degree programme and this included an Erasmus year at Université Toulouse Capitole. I completed a diploma course in EU Competition Law (through French) on my Erasmus year and this gave me a real interest and understanding in the area. Studying in different jurisdictions has enriched my legal knowledge and I feel that my knowledge would be extremely useful to your practice.

I am dedicated, highly motivated and hard working. I received the UCD High Achiever award based on my Leaving Certificate results. Throughout my time in my undergraduate and postgraduate degrees I worked hard, as evidenced by a consistent and strong 2.1 grade.

During my work experience as an intern in both a solicitors’ firm and a barristers’ chambers I learned about the work that goes into preparing cases. Both of these internships were extremely positive and boosted my enthusiasm to practice as a solicitor. I was an active member of the Student Legal Service and gave free legal aid to fellow students. I thoroughly enjoyed putting my practical knowledge to good use. This year I was elected head of the Edinburgh Law Postgraduate Hub. Chairing a student committee was extremely rewarding. I have improved my teamwork and leadership skills.

I exercised my I completed a Teaching English as a Foreign Language course and volunteered teaching English in Vietnam. This experience has expanded my world-view. I have become more confident, independent and self-motivated. I have learned invaluable communication and teamwork skills. I have improved my leadership and public speaking skills through teaching a class of college students. Negotiating another culture and has made me prepared to deal with diverse problems and situations.

I believe that with a Masters in Intellectual Property Law I would be an invaluable asset to your firm, as Ireland is becoming a jurisdiction of choice for intellectual property rights. In the age of the entrepreneur intellectual property is becoming increasingly important. I want to help corporate clients to realise their IP assets.

I want to become a corporate lawyer because I enjoy problem solving and working in a team. I am attracted by the academic rigour of the law and the fast-paced lifestyle and challenge of commercial work. The law and commerce do not stand still. They are always changing, which makes the area interesting and relevant.

With Byrne Wallace I would be helping top clients achieve their aims and solve their business problems. I would have the opportunity to deal with a variety of corporate clients. I would like the chance to gain wide experience in my training and Byrne Wallace provides a wealth of different practice areas. I am certain of the fact that a traineeship with Byrne Wallace would be the best start for my future career in law. I believe I have the skills and drive to work in your firm, both in a team situation and independently. I am prepared and willing to embrace challenges.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that my application will be viewed favourably.

Yours sincerely,

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Ciara Doris