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Dear Sirs,

I graduated from Maynooth University in 2019 where I obtained a Bachelor of Laws LLB. I have long desired to be a solicitor and I believe becoming a part of Byrne Wallace would be invaluable to my development while also being a great asset to the firm.

Byrne Wallace value their ability to deliver legal advice in a personal and client directed manner. In my opinion, I believe I would be an excellent trainee because in order to deliver legal advice in a personal and client directed manner, you must have certain skills. I believe from studying law in university and being part of multiple group projects, I have learned excellent communication skills. My communication skills have not only developed from college but from working during college in a part time retail job, where every day I was communicating with customers to ensure they were satisfied with their goods and had a good experience. From starting in a solicitor’s firm in Dundalk and then having moved to Eversheds Sutherland I have learned the importance of giving clear, precise and direct information to clients and for that reason I believe I would be a great addition to Byrne Wallace. Not only have I learned the importance of clear and precise information to clients, I have learned communication skills dealing with different solicitors across the country.

Personally, I believe in the modern working world, for a practice to be successful every employee must be able to work as part of a team and I believe Byrne Wallace are extremely team focused. From a young age, I have been a member of multiple teams as both gaelic football and hurling are a huge passion of mine. Being a part of a team is second nature to me and I believe the ability to work as a team is a huge skill I possess as well as leadership from captaining many different teams at school, club and county levels.

Every legal business requires employees to work under pressure and have a strong attention to detail. From my four years of studying law in college, I believe I have developed such skills as due to constant assignment deadlines, matched with exams it is crucially important to work effectively under pressure to get not only the work done but the work done to a high standard which I know is exactly what is required in a legal practice.

My first experience of the legal profession began in August 2019 where I joined P. Tiernan & Co Solicitors as a paralegal. I worked in the conveyance department where I learned an in depth understanding of the area of law. Over time, my skills and knowledge of the area developed and within a short period of time I was involved with all conveyance transactions from start to finish whether that was clients buying or selling property. Throughout my time I also gained vast experience dealing with commercial transactions which was all a brilliant learning experience for me as I learned to draft contracts, review title, understand legal documents such as title deeds, mortgage documents, constructions lists, collateral warranties etc.

I longed to gain legal experience in Dublin and in June 2021 I left P.Tiernan & Co Solicitors to join Eversheds Sutherland where I am currently a legal intern. I am currently based in their litigation department and working within the Residential Tenancy Board where we enforce compliance of Determination Orders from disputes between landlords and tenants. So far, my experience within Eversheds Sutherland has been incredible and already I believe I have learned so many invaluable skills.

The next step of my career is to begin my training to becoming a solicitor. I am eager to do my training in a firm where I can learn and develop from exceptional solicitors, all of which have a vast understanding of their area of law and that is why I believe Byrne Wallace would be an amazing firm to work with. From reading about your training programme on your website, I understand the focus the firm has towards training and educating trainees to become successful solicitors. I want to be a part of a firm where I will be working for many years post qualification and a firm I can continually develop and grow with and this is what I feel can be achieved within Byrne Wallace.

I am currently sitting my Fe1s and plan to have them completed after the October sitting this year. I currently have six of the eight exams passed and will sit my final two exams later this year.

I look forward to hearing from you and would welcome the opportunity to be, part of your team.

Yours faithfully,

Ciaran Deane