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ByrneWallace 88 Harcourt Street Dublin 2 DO2 DK18

Dear sir/madam,

I am a commercially aware, assertive and highly motivated candidate with the complete spectrum of skills required to succeed in the fast-paced environment of a top law firm like ByrneWallace. Given the opportunity, I firmly believe that the combination of these skills and my strong academic background will allow me to make a large contribution to the success of ByrneWallace in the future. I absolutely have the desire and aptitude to be a valued member of your Trainee Development Programme.

ByrneWallace has always been at the top of my list of prospective employers ever since I began to study law at University. I want to become a ByrneWallace Trainee because to become a top lawyer, you must train at a top firm. Annual accolades from multiple independent awarding bodies ranging from ‘Ireland Client Service Award 2017’ to ‘Law Firm of the Year 2016’ have bolstered my opinion that your firm is the right choice for me.

I wish to have a hands-on experience during my time as a Trainee, be given the opportunities to grow professionally and to develop my skills to become an expert lawyer and business advisor. I absolutely believe that the renowned training programme at ByrneWallace will provide this as it involves working closely with experts on a day-to-day basis. In my opinion, this is the most unique and valuable aspect of the firm’s training programme.

ByrneWallace is the perfect choice for me as a BCL student. I specifically chose the BCL degree over the LLB as I believe that the business and financial aspects of the degree are as valuable as the law aspect when it comes to dealing with clients such as those at ByrneWallace. Studying business alongside law has given me a keen understanding of the commercial and financial worlds and the needs of their various clientele, including firms whom ByrneWallace have represented such as Arconics and Enterprise Equity. This is an understanding that I believe will be thoroughly utilised and explored during a training programme at your firm. Furthermore, the teamworking and leadership skills that I have developed in my business modules have complimented the more individual approach taken in law modules. This has undoubtedly provided me with the skills necessary to perform both in a team and as an individual when the situation at ByrneWallace demands it.

The approach that ByrneWallace takes regarding their Corporate Social Responsibility was another deciding factor for me when selecting a law firm. The firm’s activities such as work placements from St John of God and support for Breast Cancer Ireland are all part of an ethos that I strongly identify with and believe I could be of great support to. I believe my charitable nature that has been explored through various fundraisers for clubs and in the FLAC society at Maynooth University would be a valuable addition to the firm’s activities. I strongly believe in selecting a firm whose values align with your own and ByrneWallace absolutely fit that criteria.

I am fully committed to a successful legal career, and I strongly believe that my organisational skills, attention to detail, initiative and work ethic make me the ideal candidate for a place as a trainee on your programme. My academics, character, skills and values absolutely meet the high standard required to succeed at ByrneWallace.

Thank you for considering my application.

Kind regards,

Ciaran Keegan