Byrne Wallace LLP

Solicitors

88 Harcourt Street

Dublin 2

7th October 2021

**Re:** **Trainee Solicitor position**

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you in relation to the advertisement placed on your website seeking trainee solicitors.

I graduated from NUI Galway with a degree in Corporate Law International in 2015. I spent my third year studying in Poitiers, France, having studied French throughout my degree.

Having decided not to do Transition Year at second level, I was still relatively young when I graduated from NUI Galway. Living in France for a year gave me itchy feet and I decided to spend time abroad.

Having initially worked in the hospitality industry when I arrived in Australia, I soon realised that I wanted to put my degree to use and keep myself involved in the legal sphere. I then secured a job with Law in Order Pty a Sydney based litigation support firm.

I returned to Ireland on what was intended to be a short holiday in 2017 and having the opportunity to catch up with family and friends I decided that time was right to make the move home and embark on my journey in the legal industry.

Upon returning home, I began working as a Legal Executive in A.C. Forde & Co Solicitors in Ballsbridge where I stayed for almost three years. When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, the firm advised me that due to the prevailing economic circumstances that they would have to offer redundancies to all legal executives.

After a couple of months of job searching and the continued lockdowns being imposed, I was offered a temporary contract in my local Credit Union which I gladly accepted given the circumstances and I continued to work here until May 2021.

In May 2021, I began working as a Legal Executive for J.D. Scanlon & Company Solicitors. I have broadened my legal knowledge greatly here and as you will see from my C.V., I currently deal with all aspects of residential and commercial conveyancing together with personal injury and debt collection litigation and other areas such as probate and employment law.

I have spent a great deal of time in the Four Courts and as you will see from my curriculum vitae, I have run full cases under partner supervision.

I have successfully completed all FE1 exams, and I have the intention of taking up a Certificate/Diploma course in the Law Society in the upcoming year.

I have also developed skills such as time management, teamwork, creative problem solving and I have become proficient at meeting deadlines and working under pressure. As I came from a hospitality background, I am also very capable of creating a positive client experience.

From research on your firm and noting the areas that Byrne Wallace LLP Solicitors

operate, I think that I would be a good fit for the firm. I am very eager to learn, and I can offer a slightly different perspective on some things that others may not be able to offer courtesy of my time studying and working in the legal industry abroad.

Many thanks for taking the time to review my application and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Ciarán Sheridan