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Ms Crona McLoughlin
ByrneWallace
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Re: ByrneWallace Trainee Programme

Dear Ms McLoughlin

I wish to express my interest in the ByrneWallace Trainee Programme. I graduated from University College Cork with a BCL (International) degree in 2015 and I have recently passed the Law Society Final Examination Part 1.

Currently, I am working as a litigation executive at Kennedys. I am member of the insurance team, primarily focusing on professional indemnity. I work with major insurers on defence litigation cases, as well as working with businesses involved in alternative dispute resolution. Prior to this I interned at Keating Connolly Sellors and Harrison O'Dowd, both of these are commercial litigation focused firms based in Limerick. As dispute resolution is often deadline driven, I have shown an ability to work in a pressurised environment and find I thrive in it.

During my undergraduate degree, I studied various commercial law modules which initially piqued my interest in corporate law. I have undertaken internships focusing on commercial litigation, however I have realised that corporate law is the area in which I would like to work.

The Learning and Development Programme is an aspect of the traineeship that appeals to me. Training at ByrneWallace will allow me to develop both my legal and business skills ensuring I reach my full potential as a trainee solicitor. From speaking to trainees I know there is a genuine open door policy at the firm. Asking questions and learning from solicitors who are experts in their fields is something I want my traineeship to provide me with and ByrneWallace can provide this. The fact ByrneWallace has recently changed its office space to open-plan shows the firm's commitment to a collegial environment.

ByrneWallace is known as a progressive firm offering service excellence to clients. This is demonstrated by the firm's state-of-the-art research resources, and its accreditations and awards. I believe my entrepreneurial spirit and hard-working personality would be well suited to the role of a trainee with ByrneWallace.

My interests, such as being part of equestrian, GAA and hockey teams, have allowed me to develop teamwork skills, as well as teaching me the importance of perseverance and diligence, these competencies are directly transferable to working in a busy firm. Throughout secondary school and university I have maintained my part time job, showing that I am hard-working. Finally, having studied abroad I have shown adaptability and believe I can similarly adapt and thrive at ByrneWallace.

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

Yours sincerely,

Claire O'Brien Kelly