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Trainee Solicitor

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to apply for your Trainee solicitor position commencing in 2022.

I am a Certified Blockchain and Finance Professional with a First Class LLB.H from Griffith College Dublin and an LLM in International Banking Law and Finance from the University of Edinburgh.

Throughout my time at the University of Edinburgh, I also completed a Professional Diploma in Financial Regulation and the Certificate in Commercial Contracts from the Law Society of Ireland.

The above qualifications make me the ideal candidate for the Byrne Wallace Trainee Solicitor Programme, as I am equipped with expertise in all areas which will impact the future of EU financial law, including the Capital Markets Union Action Plan, the Sustainable Finance Action Plan, the Digital Finance Package, and the new EU AML Package.

I wrote my LLM Dissertation in partnership with Bank Frick, Liechtenstein, on the comparison of European approaches (EU, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, UK) to the regulation of cryptocurrencies and the regulatory challenges with regards to NFTs and DeFi applications.

My work experience also makes me a suitable candidate for this role.

During my LLB.H, I completed several internships in Germany, Luxembourg, Philadelphia, and Ireland, where I demonstrated excellent organisational skills, the ability to meet deadlines and to manage workload effectively.

Additionally, I completed an internship with Maples Group where I got the opportunity to expand on my knowledge of investment funds (AIFs & UCITS) and deliver presentations on crypto ETFs and their regulatory challenges in Europe.

Furthermore, I commenced working as a Legal Advisor for a Digital Asset Start-up and recently got promoted to Head of Legal & Compliance, where I am now managing a Digital Asset Project in Bermuda and have the responsibility to oversee the general compliance framework of the firm and to address any regulatory issues concerning digital assets.

The skills set I acquired through my exposure to the start-up environment and the personal challenge to take managerial responsibility in the crypto space, puts me in an ideal position to assist Byrne Wallace in providing cutting-edge advice to a variety of clients, whether they are large international entities, or newly-established start-ups.

I believe I meet all the criteria needed for the role. I have the qualifications and work experience that will make me fulfil the duties and responsibilities of a Trainee Solicitor competently and to the standards of Byrne Wallace.

In addition, I am a highly motivated and organised person with a 'can do' attitude, excellent comprehension skills, attention to detail and the ability to meet dynamic deadlines and work under pressure in challenging, regulated and unregulated environments.

My experience communicating and liaising with clients, lawyers, auditors, and national regulators in various jurisdictions has refined my ability to build strong working relationships. Based on the fact that I was raised bilingual in English and German, and attended a semi-French secondary school, I possess very good communication and interpersonal skills which I employ on a regular basis when communicating through English, German or French with other industry professionals.

Please view the attached CV which will provide you with further details of my skill set and qualifications.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my application and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Coleen Wegmann