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Ms Beth Onslow,
HR Generalist,
ByrneWallace

Re: Application for Trainee Solicitor Programme

15th October 2018

Dear Ms. Onslow,

I am a graduate of Bachelor of Civil Law (International) pursuing a career in a corporate law firm. I am currently studying for my FE1 examinations. I wish to apply for a position on the ByrneWallace Trainee Solicitor Programme.

I have decided to pursue a career in a corporate law firm because I love the intellectual challenge of navigating the evolving legal system and the vast amount of case law. I also want to work in an exciting, professional business environment, providing high quality service to clients. Corporate law allows me to combine the practice of law, with building relationships, developing the trust of clients and advising them on delivering their business goals. I feel this would be a stimulating business in which to work.

ByrneWallace stood out to me for two reasons: Firstly, ByrneWallace is prestigious law firm with a wide variety of practice areas, first class legal minds and has international stature; Secondly, I believe ByrneWallace's trainee programme will provide the ideal start for a career in corporate law.

The opportunity to complete rotations in your wide range of practice areas on the trainee solicitor programme will provide me with broad experience and it will ensure that I find the area of law which best suits me. I believe the rotations combined with your commitment to personal development and mentoring will enhance the legal, business, people, communication and commercial skills I require to become a successful lawyer.

I am attracted to ByrneWallace because it strikes me as a company that strives for excellence in everything it does. The excellent service the firm provides to clients and the investment it makes in its people comes across clearly and is grounded in the many awards it has won. While the myriad of awards is impressive, 'Excellence in Client Service' award is of particular significance to me.

In addition, I respect the Corporate Social Responsibility at ByrneWallace. I admire the community involvement and the volunteering which is making a positive impact in the community.

Let me share some aspects of my life to show the person that I am.

I value team work and enjoy being part of a team. I have worked as a member of a team in both work and sports environments, mainly in rugby and gaelic football.

The first, and probably the most rewarding team that I have been part of is Naomh Olaf's GAA football team. It will always be special to me because the core team and coaching staff remained the same for my 9 years and I was part of the side's leadership team in our later years. On the pitch my leadership role translated to providing a level head in a team whose biggest weakness was losing their composure. I ensured that our players remained focused on the match and maintained good sportsmanship which often earned us a competitive edge. I am most proud of the team achievements, notably Feile and Minor championship wins.

I believe I have been very fortunate in my life to date and I believe in helping the community. I credit my school and my parents in developing this awareness. In primary school we were involved in a project to support St Michaels House and in senior school I had the privilege to take part in The Aidlink Ghanaian Immersion Program. This program involved fundraising to enable communities in Ghana to tackle poverty and then our group visited Ghana to volunteer in primary schools. In advance of the trip, we raised much needed funds for the provision of water. This was achieved through numerous fundraising events and was my first experience leading projects of this nature. The fund raising was used to construct a community well and gave people access to clean, safe water, which improves the health of the community. On arrival in Ghana, I worked as a teaching assistant in a primary school English language project.

I currently volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Rathgar. I deliver and serve food to elderly and incapacitated people in the community. While this is rewarding in itself, I find the conversations I have with the people I am delivering to, to be greatly enriching.

I enjoy socializing with my friends and meeting new people, I play tag rugby socially and regularly attend concerts and festivals. My friends would describe me as loyal, witty and enthusiastic.

Thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

Colm McKay