15 September 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

I am a Law Graduate applying for the Traineeship role at ByrneWallace as advertised. I will complete my remaining 3 FE1’s in September. I have always been interested in working in a Commercial Law firm. I am currently working as a Legal Executive with Marlet Property Group who are a client of ByrneWallace. I am a diligent worker and wish to learn from legal practitioners at the top of their field. ByrneWallace’s commitment to ESG and the opportunity to be involved in work that has a positive impact on both the economy and society is particularly attractive to me.

I completed my BCL at NUI Galway in 2021 graduating with a 2:1. I have also completed my LLM in International Commercial Law at University College Dublin graduating with a 2:1. I particularly enjoyed the Arbitration and Corporate Governance modules as part of my masters. I achieved high marks for my BCL final year research essay on the impact of the Protected Disclosures Act. This demonstrates my interest in employment law. I have particularly enjoyed working on construction and refinancing projects as part of the Marlet Legal Team. It is for this reason I wish to train in a commercial law firm.

I have gained exposure to many different practice areas in Marlet. I have worked on large commercial refinancings such as the recent refinancing with Cheyne Capital. I ran tracker documents to ensure the relevant documents were received. I am also responsible for all Marlet CoSec filings. I have worked on various litigation and personal injury matters. I am also responsible for employment law matters within the firm. I believe this shows I can handle varied workstreams and have good attention to detail. I believe these skills would serve me well as a trainee solicitor.

I have experience of working in corporate environments and working within teams such as the Marlet Legal Team. I became proficient in Microsoft Office applications in the course of my duties. I also gained experience in the insurance defence department in AMOSS Solicitors. I have some experience of using the Key house case management system. I was helping to compile case briefs. I enjoy working in fast paced and stimulating environments.

 I competed at a high level of amateur golf and feel this experience of competing in pressurised situations would transfer well to a career in law. I have demonstrated an ability to work with people and on my own initiative. I enjoy the challenge of learning new skills and applying them in a fast paced environment. I am eager to learn and passionate about becoming a solicitor.

Thank you for taking the time to read this cover letter. I can be contacted by mobile or email at any time convenient to you.

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