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Beth Onslow

HR Administrator

88 Harcourt Street,

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15th October 2017

Dear Ms. Onslow,

I wish to apply for the trainee solicitor programme at ByrneWallace. I am a final year LLB candidate at Maynooth University. I intend to qualify as a solicitor in the corporate sector when I complete my degree, and ByrneWallce is my firm of choice for a number of reasons.

**Practice Areas**

Data Protection and EU Competition Law are areas I am keen to practice in. ByrneWallace has an outstanding reputation in these areas. Working with a Dublin-based division of the European Commission this summer has helped me to understand the huge impact of EU law on the national legal system. I believe that a good understanding of EU law is essential to the effective provision of legal services in Ireland.

 I am particularly impressed that ByrneWallace recently became the first top ten Irish law firm to be certified with ISO 27001, demonstrating that the firm is a serious contender in the field of data protection. The EU, Competition and Regulated Markets group has represented a range of clients in EU law compliance. These are clear indications that ByrneWallace is the ideal firm to train as a lawyer in these sectors.

**Trainee Solicitor Programme**

The firm’s commitment to providing high quality training and professional development is well established. I enjoy working in a team environment, having served as both president and vice-president of Maynooth University’s Law Society. I understand that a traineeship with ByrneWallace will involve collaboration, and I look forward to enjoying a collegial atmosphere with other trainees in my intake. I am ambitious and dedicated to achieving my goals, and having spoken with trainees, I have no doubt that I would benefit from the experience of training on one of the leading programs offered by any law firm in Ireland.

**Culture and Values**

I understand ByrneWallace to be a progressive and dynamic law firm. I was delighted to hear that the firm has achieved a near equal ratio of women to men, and the commitment to gender equality is evidenced by the fact that ByrneWallce is the only leading Irish law firm with a female managing partner. This spirit of fair play and inclusivity is important to me, as I have taken a keen interest in the rights and opportunities afforded to minorities, through my work at the United Nations Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

As president of Maynooth University’s Law Society, performance, responsiveness and integrity were crucial to my success. I will bring these qualities to my work at ByrneWallace, where I believe I would be an asset to your team of bright and creative lawyers.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application.

Yours Sincerely,

Conor Ryan