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Beth Onslow

HR Administrator

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10th February 2018

Dear Ms. Onslow,

I wish to apply for a position as a summer intern at ByrneWallace. I am a final year LLB candidate at Maynooth University and will graduate this year with the intention of qualifying as a solicitor. My ambition is to train with a corporate law firm, as I wish to utilise the skills I have learnt in studying law, working in legal practice and through a range of extra-curricular activities. I have strong analytical and organisational skills and wish to develop these and other important attributes necessary for a successful career in commercial law, including excellent communication and interpersonal skills. ByrneWallace is my firm of choice for a number of reasons.

**Summer Internship Programme**

Your firm’s commitment to providing a high quality internship programme is well established. An internship with ByrneWallace would provide me with the opportunity to gain experience working on a variety of projects and transactions whilst offering the support necessary for professional growth and development. This would allow me to demonstrate my ambition and potential as a future trainee. Having spoken to trainee solicitors at ByrneWallace, I understand that the firm prides itself on its open-door policy, enabling interns to benefit from the collegial atmosphere at the firm. I look forward to the collaborative nature of the work at ByrneWallace, as having served as President of Maynooth University’s Law Society, I know that teamwork is conducive to success.

**Practice Areas**

Data Protection and EU Competition Law are areas in which I am keen to practice. ByrneWallace has an outstanding reputation in these areas. I was particularly impressed to learn that ByrneWallace recently became the first top ten Irish law firm to be certified with ISO 27001, demonstrating the firm’s pre-eminence in the field of data protection. The EU, Competition & Regulated Markets group has represented a range of clients in EU law compliance. Working with a Dublin-based division of the European Commission last summer gave me a unique insight into the important role Ireland plays in the EU, and of the importance for international corporate clients that outstanding legal services be available in Ireland.

**Culture and Values**

My experience as Head Delegate of a group of European law students at the United Nations Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination has encouraged me to consider issues such as racial and gender parity as priorities. ByrneWallace demonstrates that it takes these issues seriously, as 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. ByrneWallace ranks above its competitors in fostering a working environment that is inclusive, supportive and engaging, and indicates that it is a firm in which I would like to work.

I believe that a commitment to excellence and a spirit of innovation are vital to the success of any lawyer, and I intend to bring these qualities to my work at ByrneWallace, where I feel sure I would be an asset to your team of bright and creative lawyers.

I very much appreciate you taking the time to consider my application.

Yours Sincerely,

Conor Ryan