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Sinead Fox,
HR Administrator,
ByrneWallace,
88 Harcourt Street,
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Dear Ms. Fox,

I wish to apply for the 2016 ByrneWallace Traineeship Programme advertised on the ByrneWallace website. I have just completed my first five FE1 exam (Tort, Property, Criminal, Equity and Contract Law) and I intend to sit the remaining three this coming March.

At present I work with Denis I. Finn Solicitors of 5 Lower Hatch Street, Dublin 2. While I have provisionally accepted an offer to train with that firm, I am applying to the ByrneWallace Programme as I see it as an opportunity to train in a firm which reflects the same values and ambitious ethos I respect and hope to emulate throughout my career. My passion lies in the areas of Media and Technology Law, as demonstrated in my chosen Masters programme. I note from ByrneWallace's work for TV3, as well as the Darren Daly's updates on the implications of the recent 'Safe Harbour' ruling, that ByrneWallace is a firm where I can put my studies to practical commercial use.

ByrneWallace holds itself out as a firm where ambition is respected and encouraged. Equally, the fact that the firm operates an open door policy reassures me that I would have access to learn from solicitors who are at the pinnacle of their respective fields. As you can see from my CV and application form, I have fully committed myself to gaining the experience necessary to become a successful solicitor. I was offered an internship at Shepherd & Wedderburn LLP while I was completing my Masters dissertation and I took up another internship at Kenny Boyd Solicitors as soon as I moved back to Ireland. From there I began a six month internship with Denis I. Finn solicitors, where I was offered a training contract after three months.

Finally my commercial awareness makes me an ideal candidate for this Trainee programme. My Parents are self-employed and I have been involved in my family's business affairs from a young age. I opted for an undergraduate course which balanced Legal with business modules so that I could be best placed to enter the commercial legal sector. Over the past 13 months I have worked with governmental and corporate clients in diverse areas, such as debt recovery, defamation and copyright infringement. I have also worked with private clients in estate planning and taxation matters. In this time I have come to appreciate that difference between quoting the law and offering the commercial legal advice which a client needs.

I would very much appreciate an opportunity to discuss my candidacy with you. Please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you for considering my application.

Yours sincerely,

Conor White,
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