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To whom it may concern,

Following my Summer Internship in the Banking Department in ByrneWallace in the summer of 2016, I had a desire to join the company as a trainee. My experience was in the Banking Department, where I found the work challenging and interesting. While in the department, I was treated extremely well by fee earners, secretaries and trainees and most of the department gave me some piece of work to do. I helped create a bible of documents quickly to meet a client’s deadline, I created legal articles and memos for internal distribution, I conducted legal research and took part in internal departmental meetings. Although I never had any direct client interaction, I was in meetings regarding clients as well as being invited to listen in to client-solicitor discussions. This gave me an insight into how dealings with clients should be conducted.

After my internship, I took the chance to go on a year-long Graduate Visa to America. I decided to go to Austin, Texas along with some friends and made the bold choice to seek employment in a different legal system. I never got the opportunity to work with a law firm in the U.S. as many firms wanted a longer commitment than what I could offer with a one-year visa. I got a job working on a Government contract for PacoTech Inc. where my legal background put me in good stead. My attention to detail and acute eye were needed to analyse confidential documents and redact information which was laid out in our guidelines.

Following my short-term contract with PacoTech, I got a job as a marketing director for a soccer tournament company. I created posters and marketing campaigns and touched base with hundreds of soccer coaches and teams throughout the U.S. As well as this, I worked part-time in an extremely busy Starbucks store which I had done previously in Ireland. Since the majority of the soccer company’s tournaments took place during the summer, work started to dry up with them and I secured a position with LegalZoom.com, an innovative legal services company. LegalZoom provide a discounted service to people looking to set up new companies, as well as people looking to establish a will or change their names amongst other legal services. I was working as a Payment Resolution Specialist, securing up to $80,000 for the company a month, dealing with up to a hundred customers a day, answering queries and conducting different legal research on their behalf. I had the chance to progress up the company but unfortunately my visa had expired, and I returned to Ireland.

After returning to Ireland, instead of seeking employment elsewhere I chose to work as a full-time carer for my mother who had been diagnosed with motor neuron disease. I have found this role extremely challenging as I have had no training as a nurse, I have however picked up things fast and am now the person who my mother relies on for nearly everything.

While providing care for my mother, I have also been studying for my FE-1’s. For my first set in March, I was naïve to how difficult caring for my mother would be and how much time it would take up and ended up just barely failing my Equity exam, while passing my two others. I believe my time management has been a lot better and I have been more efficient and have recently attempted four of my FE-1’s in early October.

Recently, I have begun a master’s degree in Griffith College. This is in Journalism and Media Communications, due to my schedule, I have been able to work it around caring for my mother. I saw this as a perfect course to pursue as I have always had a keen interest in journalism and how the media works. I have had to conduct investigative research, create radio programmes as part of a group and draft news reports. I chose this degree due to my inquisitive nature and keen interest in political, sport and cultural affairs. I believe that this degree will be beneficial in my legal career, it will help in legal research, my ability to draft documents and help in client communication.

I believe that I would be a fantastic candidate for the ByrneWallace Trainee Programme. My time in ByrneWallace means that I am familiar with the company’s methods and processes. Since my time as an intern, I have become more responsible, I have developed my research skills and have acquired a keener eye for detail. I have learned to adapt quickly to situations, becoming a nurse to a grown woman without any formal training and have been able to deal with difficult professional and educational situations despite any issues in my personal life. My time in ByrneWallace was the most interesting, challenging but above all, enjoyable, of my professional career and I hope that you find me an ideal candidate for a Trainee position.

Sincerely,

Daniel Lucey