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**RE: Trainee Solicitor Programme**

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Deirdre O'Donnell and I wish to apply for the trainee solicitor programme at ByrneWallace. I am a graduate of University College Cork, having completed my degree in BCL Clinical in May 2020 achieving an **upper Second Class Honour Grade 1 (2H1) grade**. I have successfully passed four of the eight **FE-1 examinations** on first attempt, having sat the remaining four examinations in October 2021.

Unique to the BCL Clinical degree, I was privileged to be able to undertake a placement period in a law firm for my third year. My time spent with **Murphy Lynam Solicitors** gave me an insight into the day-to-day practice of the law in areas such as conveyancing (both residential and commercial) and general litigation, as well as interacting with numerous clients and helping them with their respective queries. This experience allowed me to improve upon existing **interpersonal skills** as well as develop new skills, such as **effective communication** and **drafting legal documentation**. As a testament to my work ethic, I was invited to continue in my position within the firm for the Summer months. My 12-month placement with Murphy Lynam Solicitors assured me that law is the career path I want to pursue.

While completing my FE-1 examinations this year, I have had the opportunity to work with **Chris Mee Group**. My tenure at Chris Mee Group has been entirely remote, however, it has given me the opportunity to build on my **time-management** skills as well as adapt to various challenges of working in a remote setting. I have developed strong **collaboration and communication skills** having to liaise with both in-house consultants and external partners simultaneously. I have loved my experience in this **client facing role** which has given me the opportunity to work with a diverse range of businesses.

I wish to apply to the firm's trainee programme as I believe the vast selection of practice areas in which the firm provides expertise align to my own areas of interest in law, which includes Data Protection. I thoroughly enjoyed my time studying **Privacy & Data Protection** law in the final year of my degree and such is reflected in receiving a 1H1 grade in my examination. With ByrneWallace having a specialist expert legal team dedicated to data protection, I would be grateful for the opportunity to not only work alongside professionals who are the leading experts in this field but also learn from them.

I have enclosed my CV which highlights my education and work experience. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Deirdre O'Donnell