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Re: Trainee Solicitor Programme (*Curriculum Vita* attached)

Graduate in Environmental & Health Science, European Business & Human Rights Law

Dear Director of Human Resources,

I have just completed a post-graduate diploma in Environmental Science at UCD (**final module grade pending**) and am interested in your Trainee Solicitor Programme, in particular in the areas of renewable energy, natural resources and environmental planning. As a graduate in health science, Mandarin, European business (majoring in both French and German) as well as having gained a LL.M in human rights law, the academic challenge of legal training should enable me to meaningfully contribute and develop within the ByrneWallace team. Presentation and research projects integral to the postgraduate diploma and previous studies have provided a multitude of avenues for skills development, including a systematic review on advanced radiotherapy practice (based on PRISMA methodology) and preparing quantitative data such as charts, graphs or figures for further qualitative analysis.

Recent environmental work placement with the Marine Institute and Tara Mines Boliden Ltd. have offered exceptional learning opportunities. Notably, in the case of the former, experience on the application of Geographical Information Systems (ArcGIS) and EU law (Habitats and Birds Directives) to the aquaculture sector for undertaking appropriate assessments or Natura Impact Statements was invaluable. Similarly, linking theory to practice as an environmental intern at Boliden Ltd., insights were gained planning applications and hydro-geological concepts with regards to the mine remediation and aftercare plan incorporating wetland trials. Moreover, I was regularly working alongside the Environmental Engineering Technician in undertaking inspections and field sampling (groundwater boreholes, domestic wells, surface water and ambient air) across the Tailings Management Facility and the mine site itself, manually recording data as well as logging samples in the laboratory IT system. Having a keen interest in both environmental and public health, in collaboration with health and safety management (as well as the mine medical centre), I took the initiative to propose a study on blood lead levels with the aim to improving employee personal hygiene and heavy metal exposure risk reduction measures.

Generally using MS Office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), editing or drafting reports and other administrative duties (including data entry, responding to email/telephone and in-person queries) were responsibilities across professional positions held throughout the years. In particular, the roles of Research Fellow with Brunel University (Centre for Public Health Research) involved project management with multiple stakeholders (NHS, local authority and the community sector). This demonstrated a keen ability to structure and prioritise work as well as meeting communication and other challenges of effective team liaison and cooperation required for coordinating a monthly academic seminar series open to public attendance.

The role of EU Co-ordinator with the Transatlantic Business Dialogue in Brussels required conference organisation, database management, assisting in trade policy preparation and co-ordination of expert groups (technology, trade and environment). As a EU Economic and Social Committee (ESC) stagiaire/trainee, assisting the Head of the Single Market, Production and Consumption division in analysing the ESC's opinions and recommendations with legislation adopted by the European Parliament and/or Council was a key responsibility, alongside drafting reports on same. As a member of the trading support team, my first graduate position was based in the IFSC in Dublin, providing online technical and client service to end users of Internet trading software and thereby gaining experience in the relevant Irish & EU regulatory framework in relation to company law.

With diverse experience across industries and a long-standing interest in environment and health, it is hoped you may consider me "a right fit" for a position as Trainee Solicitor with ByrneWallace LLP.

I would welcome an opportunity to discuss my motivation and background with you. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if I could provide you with further information or if you have any questions whatsoever.

Yours sincerely,

Edele Catherine Tighe (aka "Ella" Tighe)