HR Generalist Beth Onslow

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Dear Beth,

I am a Bachelor of Corporate Law (International) graduate of NUIGalway and I am seeking a traineeship at ByrneWallace. In addition to my undergraduate degree, I am also a graduate of the postgraduate LLB in NUIGalway. I am a currently work in the European Parliament, working in the area of EU law in the Office of Vice-President Mairead McGuinness. In researching a firm that was the correct fit for me, I instantly took an interest in ByrneWallace for a number of reasons. Firstly, due to your practice areas, as they incorporate my areas of interest including; EU law, corporate law, international and EU trade law, employment law and energy and natural resources.

I am seeking a traineeship that will enable me to draw from my legal and business abilities and my background in the area of EU law. My interest for EU law stems from my undergraduate corporate law degree, where I touched the surface with my EU law modules. In studying abroad at the Georg-August-Universität-Goettingen for a year, in the areas of international business law and EU law, it further strengthened my interest. In working in the European Parliament, my day-to-day job requires me to focus on EU policies, cross border trade, Brexit negotiations, environment and energy. In working at the forefront of EU legislation, it has allowed me gain an invaluable insight into EU law, and avail of top-class mentoring from the Vice-President of the European Parliament and a high-class calibre of professionals in the field of EU law. The opportunity to put my skills to use and work with your dedicated multi-disciplinary team to advise both Irish and international clients is one of the traits that signified that ByrneWallace is the right fit for me.

As a trainee in the European Parliament, part of my work includes research into a variety of areas. I am tasked with the Environment, Agricultural, Budget and the Constitutional Affairs Committees. The in depth research required for drafting amendments to be sent to plenary in Strasbourg in various areas of legislation, has equipped me with a determination to produce the high level of work required. It also enables me to be constantly learning and further educating myself. In having worked in a fast-paced, dynamic work environment, it has enabled me to thrive under pressure and ensure that first class work is produced. I also get to put my teamwork skills to use, and liaise with many teams across the EU institutions.

The experience I have gained in researching the ‘Chequers white paper’, the Irish border issue and cross border trade has enabled me to be at the forefront of international negotiations between the EU 27 and the United Kingdom. It has prepared me for the life of a solicitor at ByrneWallace, where I can implement these negotiation skills across a broad array of areas. Additionally, having completed a five-month clinical placement and a summer internship in two solicitor firms, I acquired excellent researching and legal writing skills on a variety of matters. Similarly, the corporate aspect to your firm is what also made ByrneWallace the correct fit for me. I have established essential commercial awareness throughout my work experiences and love to implement in my work.

In choosing the correct firm for me, corporate social responsibility aspects play a big role. It is essential that the values of the firm are similar to values of my own. In being heavily involved in my community, it is important I work for a firm that builds strong relationships with the local community. It speaks volumes for the ethics of the firm and would make me proud to work for a firm with ethical core values. Similarly, having won a Young Social Innovators award for designing and creating children’s books for those who have difficulties learning, I can relate to your work with St John of God. The community commitment by your firm is admirable.

I have enclosed a resume and a sample of academic writing. I look forward to having the opportunity to speak with you. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Eimear Walsh