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Trainee Solicitor Application

A chara,

My name is Eimear Kinsella and I wish to express my interest in the legal trainee programme at Byrne Wallace. I am a graduate of Psychology at UCD and have had a passion for law, having undertaken work experience across multiple practice areas over recent years. Upon graduating, I began employment as a legal intern at Coleman Legal Partners, Dublin ("CLP") and subsequently, at J.D. Scanlon & Co., Tullamore. I am a charismatic individual and adopt an energetic and pragmatic approach to all tasks that I undertake. I am an avid classical musician and spend much of my free time performing at various events. I also dedicate my spare time to volunteering on various committees within Jigsaw, the National Youth Mental Health Service.

Throughout the past number of years, whilst working at the aforementioned firms, I have developed my understanding of numerous practice areas and various aspects of the law, including: company law, contract law, conveyancing, employment law, family law, licensing, litigation and wills & probate. My experiences have also allowed me to develop core skills appropriate for a career in commercial law, such as critical-thinking, time-management, legal drafting, and management of client relations.

I have been extremely fortunate to assist on numerous high-profile cases, many of which were complex and sensitive in nature. These cases demanded an extremely high calibre of work and compassion from me. For example, whilst working at CLP, I worked under close supervision of a solicitor on a large-scale multi-party action. I was responsible for taking over one hundred instructions from new clients who had experienced psychological traumas, attending at meetings with the managing partner and Counsel, and attending at court. I simultaneously handled the administrative and research aspects of the case, dealt with the filings of court documents, and presented to numerous potential clients at conference-based information sessions. Since then I have assumed a high level of responsibility for work on subsequent cases, frequently meeting with clients and independently attending on Counsel at court.

I find working in fast-paced environments to be exhilarating and I thrive in challenging situations. I enjoy learning and observing the commercial and legal world and systems that I am part of. I take pride in my ambition to keep up to date with developments in these rapidly evolving industries. I always take a pro-active approach to my work, looking ahead to challenges and opportunities that may arise. I am extremely detail-orientated and diligent, and have always met deadlines that were required of me, attributes that I believe would be of great benefit to your firm.

My education in psychology has equipped me with a diverse skillset, which I think is necessary to communicate effectively with clients and colleagues. It has also enabled me to better understand the individual needs and expectations of valued clients. This is necessary in supporting, promoting and protecting the interests of clients, which is an apparent objective of the team at Byrne Wallace.

There are numerous reasons why I am attracted to the trainee programme at your firm. Firstly, your firm is one of the leading legal institutions providing a diverse and high-quality service to local, national and international clients. This is apparent from the consistent stream of accolades and certifications that the firm has been awarded in recent years. I believe that being surrounded by like-minded, curious and innovative people, will energise and motivate me in my career as a commercial solicitor. Secondly, the array service you provide is a key factor in my decision to apply, as I am curious and eager to learn from the most experienced advisers in as many areas of practice as possible. Thirdly, I am inspired by your commitment to the personal and professional development of your trainees. I appreciate the firm's open, progressive and collegiate culture, and I identify with the values of positivity and collaboration. These factors are vital to enable mutual support within the team, thereby ensuring the most effective outcome for your clients. Finally, I am compelled by your dedication to Corporate Social Responsibility, by virtue of your volunteering efforts for numerous charities, investment in local communities, sporting and other social activities. These efforts resonate with me personally, as I too dedicate much of my time advocacy and voluntary work, and I enjoy connecting with people from all walks of life through music, sport and other social events.

I believe that the programme at Byrne Wallace would be an immense support in developing my professional career. Furthermore, it would allow me to flourish as an individual, provide me with the opportunity to be part of an ambitious team and build life-long connections with colleagues.

I am due to complete the FE-1 examinations in November 2020 and would be most obliged if you might consider my application for your next intake. I aim to commence the PPC1 course in September 2021, however, I am interested in undertaking a paralegal position or other relevant work experience that you may have to offer in advance of a traineeship.

Please see attached herewith my curriculum vitae for your attention.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



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