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Re: Trainee Solicitor Programme

Dear Ms. Loftus,

I am writing to you to apply for the position of Trainee Solicitor at ByrneWallace. I have also sent my CV for your consideration. I have recently completed a Master's degree in International Law and Governance at Durham University. I am planning to sit my FE1 exams in 2021.

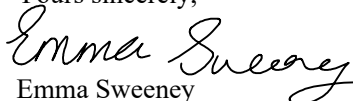
I am eager to work at ByrneWallace for many reasons. Firstly, I have previously applied for the Internship programme in 2019 and was invited to an interview at your offices. I really enjoyed learning about the firm's culture from my interviewers, Crona McLoughlin and Derville White. It was insightful to learn about Ms. White's work in the Property Department. I have also spoken to staff working at ByrneWallace at many careers' fairs in University College Dublin. I learned about the supportive and friendly atmosphere in the firm. I was encouraged by the fact that trainees receive a lot of support and guidance. ByrneWallace's inclusive and supportive environment seems like the ideal environment for me to advance my legal career. Secondly, due to my background in International Law, I am drawn to a career in ByrneWallace due to the firm's diverse practice areas and client base. In particular, as I have worked in Foreign Direct Investment in the past, I was intrigued by ByrneWallace's dedicated international client services team.

In terms of my suitability for this position, I have strong intellectual rigour and have achieved strong results in both my Undergraduate and Masters degrees. I have studied many modules that are highly relevant to a career in commercial law. For example, during my Undergraduate degree, I achieved an A- in Company Law II. I have also studied International Law and Governance during my Master's degree. By studying these topics, I was intrigued by the challenges associated with a career in law and commercial law in particular. I enjoyed applying my academic skills while working at PricewaterhouseCoopers where I assisted in Foreign Direct Investment Department in creating Excel spreadsheets which reflected client tax responsibilities. I gained an insight into the importance of building long-lasting client relationships in commercial law. ByrneWallace would provide an ideal environment for me to align my training experiencing with my career aspirations.

While listening to Crona McLoughlin at my interview for the ByrneWallace internship last year, I became interested in the unique aspects of the ByrneWallace traineeship, particularly, the focus on mentoring and empowering trainee solicitors.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to talking with you further about this excellent opportunity.

Yours sincerely,


Emma Sweeney