Manager of the trainee solicitor programme

ByrneWallace

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**RE: Trainee Solicitor Programme**

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Eoin McKinney. I am a Stage 4 Business and Law Student at UCD’s Sutherland School of Law. I wish to apply for the 2021 ByrneWallace trainee solicitor programme.

I would relish the opportunity to complete a traineeship in one of Ireland’s largest, forward thinking, commercial law firms. ByrneWallace has a superb reputation for producing top-quality solicitors and learning from experts is hugely attractive to me for career development. The firm boasts a multitude of expertise that cover all significant areas of Irish law and has been awarded the Ireland Client Service Award 2017 and shortlisted Law Firm of the Year 2017 by Chambers Europe, among many other achievements. Therefore, I would appreciate the chance to participate in progressive, stimulating and rewarding work in a firm focused on providing excellent client service.

Having read the individual trainee testimonies and engaged with your practice’s LinkedIn content it is clear that ByrneWallace sees the value in creating the best trainee experience possible. Being in a demanding, fast paced and diversified environment, trainees are afforded the opportunities to be constantly challenged and to fully integrate into the firm. I particularly like the idea of trainees being assigned a mentor in each rotation, allowing them to have an outlet for specific queries and get feedback on their work. The level of responsibility and respect afforded to trainees is strikingly appealing to me. I would appreciate the opportunity to gain valuable legal experience in such a responsive, cooperative and inclusive culture.

I believe I would integrate into the firm well as I am sociable, hard-working and honest. I have excellent interpersonal skills which I have developed through my extra-curricular activities. The leadership and team roles I have been afforded through golf, badminton and running have facilitated me in cultivating effective communication skills and a strong ability to build relationships with people. Added to this, my past work experience has required me to be customer service orientated and capable of hitting targets on a daily basis. These skills combined with my respectful and resilient nature would make me a good fit in the ByrneWallace team.

ByrneWallace focuses strongly on having a healthy work life balance with a very active social and sports committee. Sports and exercise are a huge part of my life and working in a firm that recognizes the importance of that that is very appealing to me. Sports have been a great outlet for developing my teamwork skills and building relationships which is something ByrneWallace values. If given the opportunity I would love to represent the firm in golf or on a tag rugby team. I played Tag Rugby last year in UCD and thoroughly enjoyed it.

I have enjoyed all areas of law during my studies at university. I have specifically selected modules geared towards working in a commercial law firm and the course I am studying itself further reflects this fact. These modules include commercial law, advocacy and mooting, employment law, administrative law and intellectual property law amongst others.

I am hard-working, a great problem solver and respectful. If given the opportunity, I believe I can become a real asset to ByrneWallace. I am fully committed to pursuing a career in a progressive firm where I can positively impact the commercial law arena.

I can be contacted at 0838426790 and eoin.mckinney@ucdconnect.ie or eoinmckinney1@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for considering my application.

Yours faithfully,

Eoin McKinney