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Cróna McLoughlin / Beth Onslow

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Dear Cróna / Beth,

I am highly interested in applying for a position as Trainee Solicitor, as advertised on your website.

As you will note from my curriculum vitae, I have previously spent two weeks in the Dublin office of a commercial law firm, Maples and Calder and assisted both the corporate and property departments of the firm. This experience was invaluable in providing me with hands-on experience of two busy departments and has encouraged me to aim to further my experience and, ideally, establish myself as a capable trainee within the commercial law landscape.

Since my time in Maples and Calder, I have successfully attained a degree in Business and Law at Dublin Institute of Technology and will sit the FE-1 exams upon graduating.

I am particularly interested in working with Byrne Wallace as my primary interests lie in corporate law. I am fully aware of Byrne Wallace’s’ outstanding reputation as a full service law firm in the Irish and international legal landscape. This impression is further reinforced by the testimonies on your website. I am additionally motivated by the numerous international opportunities your firm offers, such as New York. As you can see from my curriculum vitae, I have travelled widely and the possibility of working in a multicultural environment would interest me greatly, on both a personal and professional level.

I note that your firm values teamwork and enthusiasm. My experience as a volunteer has given me a significant non-academic benefit due to the teamwork orientation and leadership nature of the activities I gained exposure to. An excellent example of this is the local business innovation project that all volunteers were tasked with creating. Myself and a team successfully created a sustainable, tourism-based market sourcing income into Punta Allen, a small village on the skirts of Tulum city in the summer of 2014, which I have been informed is still in place today. I have additionally acted as team player whilst participating in a variety of group projects and presentations throughout my undergraduate studies.

I understand that your firm seeks to recruit individuals who express a willingness to learn and initiative. I have successfully obtained a first class honours grade for my legal research paper that critically analysed the legal implications regarding liability issues concerning the introduction of autonomous vehicles as publicly available products. This paper required extensive research in a topic that has not yet been considered within the legal field in Ireland. As a result, I have been advised that my work will be provided to the Law Reform Commission of Ireland for review. Furthermore, I am wholly driven by situations that require innovative commercial thinking that can be supported by legal reasoning and believe that a career within Byrne Wallace will provide me with that working demographic.

If successful in attainting a position as Trainee Solicitor, I will commit to fully engaging and assisting with the work carried out within the firm and going beyond what is expected of myself in my position.

I would be pleased to attend for interview at any convenient time and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,



Gavin Murray