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Re: Training Contract Application

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am currently a trainee in the cabinet of Advocate General Hogan, in the Court of Justice of the European Union, and formerly a Judicial Assistant to The Hon Ms Justice Baker for the past two and a half years. In that time I have experienced the whole litigation spectrum of the Superior Courts.

Since August 2019, I hold a Certificate in Data Protection Practice issued by the Law Society of Ireland. I have passed five FE1 subjects (company, equity, property, EU and tort law) and I am planning to sit the remaining ones in the coming Spring session.

I would like to register my interest in applying for a training contract with Byrne Wallace.

The high calibre of clients of Byrne Wallace would allow me to deal with the largest transactions and most challenging cases in this jurisdiction. As data protection lawyer, I noticed that Byrne Wallace is the first large Irish law firm certified with ISO 27001 and that it focuses a lot on the promotion of a data protection and privacy by design approach which is of vital importance for clients. I was also impressed by Byrne Wallace's IT and Intellectual Property law team.

The inclusiveness and diversity values of Byrne Wallace have also played an important role in my choice, to which I am looking forward to contributing to with my experience in supporting the legal LGBT+ community as member of the organization "OUTlaw". Byrne Wallace has made an impact on me with its corporate social responsibility programme, because it shares many of the values that I do.

Law has been an interest of mine since high school when I was class representative. I have decided to pursue a career in a commercial law firm after having experienced a variety of working environments.

Being a legal intern helped me to gain practical experience in the field of intellectual property law, the commercial law field I am specialised in. The experience at Facebook as community operation analyst gave a global and international perspective to my working life ambitions. I have now gained outstanding experience in the Irish Superior Courts and in the Court of Justice of the European Union. I believe that commercial law firms have a pivotal role in society to help businesses develop and thrive in a globalised economy. I am looking forward to working on every aspect of commercial law to fulfil this ambition.

My background legal education is both Italian and Irish.

The Italian higher education system provides for a single 5-year course in Law, which confers upon completion the title of “dottore magistrale”, equivalent to a Master of laws degree in Ireland. I have obtained a final overall grade of 105/110, which is the equivalent of a first-class honours degree in Ireland¹.

In Ireland I attended a one-year Master of Laws programme in intellectual property and information technology law at University College Dublin, Sutherland School of Law. I graduated with a first-class honours degree and wrote a dissertation which I later elaborated on in an academic article for the Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice (OUP).

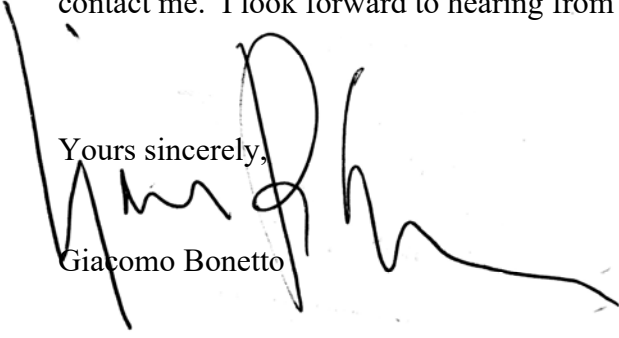
I have continued my academic writing thereafter. I am particularly proud of my forthcoming publication in the Irish Judicial Studies Journal titled “Data Protection and the Exercise of the Judicial Function in Ireland”. I have also contributed to the case summaries in the Annual Report of the Supreme Court for 2019, which was published in February 2020.

My hobbies, as well as my volunteering activity in promoting LGBT+ organisations mentioned above, include non-professional surfing and swimming. Furthermore, I think it is important to nurture a role in the social and political life of the community, and for that reason I was involved as class-representative in high school, and later in University as legal representative for a student union list. While in Italy, I also served as administrative officer at the local polling station. Furthermore, I support and was an active member of the FAI (the “Italian National Trust”) which promotes the cultural and artistic heritage of Italy.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Giacomo Bonetto



¹ See, for example, the following link: www.tcd.ie/business/msc/international-requirements.php under “Italy”.