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Re: Byrne Wallace, Trainee Solicitor Programme 2022

Dear Ms. Ciara Loftus,

I am contacting you regarding the 2022 Trainee Solicitor Programme. I am a graduate of Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), Maynooth University and Master of Laws (LL.M.), International Commercial Law, University College Dublin. I have, on my first attempt, passed and completed six of the FE1 examinations. Currently, I am in the process of completing my final two FE1 exams while simultaneously working in KPMG.

Having attended the Trainee Insights Webinar I gained a deeper insight into the Byrne Wallace training program. My interest was sparked by the genuine focus on integrity and reputation in the firm which I believe distinguishes itself from others. Byrne Wallace is a forward-thinking firm, it has been awarded both nationally and internationally for its commitment to delivering excellence, and is recognised as the only top ten Irish law firm certified with Lexcel, the quality mark of excellence in practice management. Byrne Wallace is further distinguished by its high calibre of clients.

The wide variety of clients (RTE, Nuvo Pharmaceuticals, and the European Parliament) provides an opportunity to be exposed to exciting and interesting work. I would be grateful for the opportunity to undertake my training with Byrne Wallace. The reasoning for my varied interest in practice areas is due to my diverse experience from conveyancing, probate and aircraft financing to pro-bono work. I believe Byrne Wallace, as a full service commercial law firm, will provide an opportunity to undertake rotations in a wide spectrum of legal fields. I believe I would be able to make substantial contributions to Byrne Wallace with my interdisciplinary practical and educational experience.

During my Master's degree, I gained detailed insights into the various aspects of International Financial Law, Intellectual Property, and Dispute Resolution. Furthermore, my independent research for my thesis, 'The Insolvency Provision of the Aircraft Protocol of the Cape Town Convention an Analysis', highlights a significant area of interest for me. Supplementing my studies were extracurricular activities such as learning German, completing an ECDL computer course, along with being a member of the European Youth Parliament. I was also an advisor for the Free Legal Advice Clinic (FLAC) and an academic advisor for the European Law Students' Association (ELSA). The culmination of both non-academic and academic experiences highlight my enthusiasm and initiative, a personality trait which I bring to all aspects of my life professional and personal.

In addition to the aforementioned skills and competencies, there are key attributes which I possess that I believe are essential for this position. I have effectively demonstrated my academic and experience highlighting my organisational skills, ability to work in a fast-paced environment and delivery of high-quality work product.

I am confident that the competencies I have developed from my degree, work experience and other activities will enable me to excel as a trainee at Byrne Wallace.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Gráinne Clinch