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Byrne Wallace

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you to express my keen interest in pursuing a traineeship with Byrne Wallace. As I intend to embark upon a career in commercial law, a position on your Trainee Solicitor Programme is particularly attractive to me. The quality of training and level of commitment that is given to each trainee is a significant factor in my decision to apply, along with the opportunity to gain practical experience through rotations in major practice fields.

In August 2017 I graduated with a 2.1 Honours BCL Degree from University College Dublin, and I am currently studying an MSc in International Law and Business at UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School. I chose this course in order to develop a greater understanding of the dynamic relationship between law and business and to advance my studies in both disciplines. Through modules such as Commercial Networks, Transactions, and Data Protection and Privacy I am gaining an in-depth understanding of topics such as the practice of law in the business context and contractual construction and negotiations. I am increasingly fascinated with the prospect of pursuing a career in commercial law and becoming immersed in this dynamic environment. My educational background is a large contributory factor in my decision to follow this career path, alongside my interest in the business world generally.

Over the past number of years I have completed work experience in many different fields in order to broaden my skill set. This included spending time in the global headquarters of Knight Frank in London where I learned about property consultancy, and also with MJ Hudson, an alternative assets law firm in London which provides specialist legal advice, where I was given a brief insight into a niche area of law. My part-time position as a Senior Sales Associate with the retail company Dubarry of Ireland has, over the past two and a half years, allowed me to develop invaluable communication and negotiation skills, along with the ability to act with professionalism and to work as part of a team. I have also had the opportunity to develop these skills through my involvement with the UCD Equestrian Club Committee over the past four and a half years, where my roles have included Vice Captain, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer and Fundraising Co-Ordinator. This experience taught me efficient organisational skills and the importance of individual responsibilities within a team. A further aspect of my experience includes providing assistance in entertaining clients at horseracing meetings both in Ireland and the UK on behalf of Coolmore Stud. From this, I have gained a great understanding of the importance of corporate hospitality, and how the development of client relationships is vital to the growth of business.

My decision to apply to Byrne Wallace was further strengthened when I began researching this opportunity on the firm’s website. I discovered here the emphasis placed upon creating strong relationships and teamwork within the workplace, and the opportunities for trainees to engage in pro-bono and volunteering work as part of the Corporate Social Responsibility Programme, which is something that I would find extremely fulfilling.

I am certain that the exemplary educational culture and unrivalled opportunities available at Byrne Wallace would allow me to achieve my ultimate career goal of becoming an excellent commercial lawyer and business adviser. It is for these reasons that I would hugely appreciate the opportunity to demonstrate my suitable candidacy for a traineeship position.

Yours Faithfully,

Heather Casey