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Ever since June, 23rd 2016 my mind has been racing. The country where I was born, where I grew up and from which my grandfather hailed took a step into the proverbial unknown and hence opened up a huge range of political, cultural, social and above all - legal uncertainties. Since that seminal event I have been carefully considering which path I should embark on with regard to the very volatile and quickly metamorphosing world that we reside in; and it has already led me back to the same conclusion - joining the legal profession is where I feel I can best understand the world around us, and help influence it for the better as well.

There are certain experiences from my time living and working in Germany that could certainly be put to good use in your law firm. During my time working as a Business Analyst for a corporate German law firm in Berlin, Luther, I became acquainted with some legal practices and the German legal world and system itself. It also gave me a deeper insight into Berlin’s tech scene and the vast landscape that is German industry, its sophisticated and complex economy and the large network of contacts that Luther has to Germany’s nexus of mid-sized “*Mittelstand”* companies*.* I also previously interned for the Foreign Policy Spokesman of the CDU in the Bundestag which also gave me valuable insights into the workings and procedures within German politics and international diplomacy.

In addition, my experiences working with a wide range of clients for corporates such as Microsoft and Accenture in the UK and Germany market has also provided me with valuable insights into businesses practices in either country (and on GDPR issues) which would serve me well when working as a lawyer. This coupled with the experience of having to adhere to strict compliance standards, tight deadlines and getting problems solved whilst navigating the complex structures of a large company is something that puts me in a good position going forward with when dealing with the challenges that would eventuate in a law firm.

I, for one hope that Ireland’s role in the European Union and relationship to Germany not only remains intact, but also strengthens. I would love to contribute to that process and see this country on the western edge of Europe not only remain a member of the European project, but continue to grow as a country, prosper and benefit from continued membership.

It is my strong belief that due to my mixed Anglo-German heritage, my personal insights and experiences of European institutions and knowledge of German society and its political machinations that I would be of great benefit to your law firm. I would be more than happy to be able to prove this in an interview.

Best regards,

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