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**RE: Trainee Solicitor Programme**

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to express interest in the above Programme and I attach herewith a copy of my Curriculum Vitae for your attention. I am a graduate from Maynooth University where I achieved a grade of 2:1 in BCL Law and Psychological Studies. I am currently in the process of sitting the FE1 examinations and have passed six out of eight of the exams. I have recently sat the remaining two, Company and Contract Law, and I await the results of same.

As part of the Transition Year Programme offered in my school, I worked in a busy general practice in Santry, P.G. Cranny & Co. Solicitors. The firm continued to offer me seasonal work during my time off from school and college, including a number of three month summer contracts and a six month contract while I attended college online in 2020/2021. Throughout my time there, I gained invaluable experience in the day-to-day progression of files in many areas of law, particularly, Litigation, Conveyancing, Probate and Family Law. I also had the responsibility of drafting Court pleadings and attending on Barristers in both the Circuit and High Court.

In 2023, P.G. Cranny & Co. Solicitors ceased practising and a new firm, LMC Law, was set up in its place. This firm invited me to continue working for them under the same terms and I had the pleasure of working as Legal Secretary for the Principal of the firm. The Principal was involved in every area of practice that the firm offers and I, in turn, had the opportunity to further my knowledge in other areas of law such as the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015, Employment Law and Construction Contracts.

As well as experience in a general practice, I have also been fortunate enough to take part in the Arthur Cox Prime Programme during my 5th year of school. This provided me with an insight into the operation of a large corporate firm where I learned about Employment and Financial Law as I had the chance to shadow a Trainee Solicitor.

I recently had the opportunity to work as a Legal Secretary on a temporary, sick-leave cover, basis in Mercy Law Resource Centre. MLRC offers services to the homeless and to those at risk of homelessness. This not only provided me with an insight into Administrative Law and Judicial Review, but also furthered my interest in charitable organisations as I have previously worked with charities such as SOAR and have volunteered and fundraised for the Tanzania Immersion Project that my school offered.

I have recently commenced working as a Legal Executive for the Irish Music Rights Organisation, a non-profit organisation, for the in-house legal team who deal with Debt Collection and Copyright Infringement. This role will help me to build on my Litigation experience while also gaining understanding of the commercial workings of the law.

As an FE1 candidate, I am confident that the Traineeship Programme, as advertised, would be a great opportunity for me as I have a keen interest and experience in Litigation and Disputes, Commercial Law and Conveyancing. I would also like to learn more about the other areas of law that your firm provides services in such as Energy and Natural Resources, Intellectual Property and Financial Law.

I had the pleasure of recently attending the Byrne Wallace trainee open evening. Through listening to the current trainees speak about their respective seat rotations and learning about the mentorship aspects of the programme together with the emphasis on work-life balance, this evening has confirmed, in my mind, that this firm is well suited for me.

I am confident that I possess the relevant skills, academic records and expertise to excel in the position of Trainee Solicitor. This, I believe, is evidenced by the development of my collaborative work practices, communication and research skills and commercial awareness through my work as both a Legal Secretary and Legal Executive, taking initial instructions from clients and then working together with the team to achieve the best solution for the client.

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

Yours faithfully,  
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