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Re: Trainee Solicitor Programme

Dear Ms Loftus

I am writing to express my interest in the Trainee Solicitor Programme with ByrneWallace, as advertised on your website. I am a graduate of Law with economics from University College Dublin. I have completed the FE-1 exams at my first attempt across two sittings. I worked with Sweeney McGann, in Limerick, as a Pre-Trainee before taking up my current position with Compton Solicitors in Dublin.

I am drawn to ByrneWallace due to its sterling reputation as a full-service law firm. Chambers Europe most recently ranked ByrneWallace highly across a broad spectrum of practice areas, including ranking its employment team in Band 1. The firm also has one of two eminent Corporate lawyers in the country. I am early in my career so I hope to gain high quality exposure to both contentious and non-contentious work as I seek to find out where I can best provide value for the firm. I believe ByrneWallace offers this opportunity. Furthermore, I am eager to challenge myself to take on as much responsibility as possible as that is how I will develop into the best lawyer I can become. ByrneWallace presents a fantastic opportunity to learn from the top legal minds in the country, while gaining hands-on experience across a diverse range of practice areas.

At Sweeney McGann I was available to all partners, gaining exposure to varied legal work. I compiled booklets for court, attended meetings with clients, conducted legal research and performed general administrative tasks. I spent a week with Bracewell, a commercial law firm in London, where I gained a deep insight into the role of a commercial solicitor. In my role as a Data Collection Analyst covering rugby with Stats Perform I learned to work quickly and effectively in a high-pressure environment. I developed my eye for detail by coding live rugby matches with 99% accuracy.

Please find my CV attached for your perusal and you can contact me using the email address or phone number therein. I am available to attend at interview should you have more questions.

Yours sincerely,

Jack O’Donnell