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Re: Trainee Solicitor Programme

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find my CV attached for the Trainee Solicitor Programme.

My name is Jane Casey and I am currently enrolled in Griffith College Dublin studying law. I set to graduate in 2017 and currently hold a 2.1. Previously, I completed two years studying economics in UCD. Economics was not the right course for me, since I started studying law in Griffith I have never felt more suited to something in my life. I would describe myself as a very active student in Griffith. In my first year in Griffith I joined the Law Society. In my second year I was chosen as class representative of the Law Society. I also joined the Irish Innocence Project as a researcher, where I spent the year among others building a data base for exonerations in Ireland and other related tasks. I entered my third year in Griffith as the first President of the Brehon Law Society for Griffith College, having been appointed to this position in Philadelphia by members of the Philadelphia Brehon Law Society. I subsequently set up this society in Griffith on my return.

I am an appropriate and deserving candidate for this position. During my time studying law I have never and would never let an opportunity pass, whereby I can assimilate more knowledge and experience to my profession. I understand that a solicitor is not just simply required to do what is asked of a client. A solicitor is a professional who owes another a duty to exercise their full judgement and professionalism, whatever the circumstance, as per Barron J in *Carroll-v-Carroll.* I strive to be a solicitor and I know I will be one.

Over the past three years I have acquired various skills through my work and experience. I believe research to be an imperative skill of a solicitor which I gained through my work with the Innocence Project. During my second year of college I was lucky enough to intern with Hayes’ Solicitors for four weeks. I am grateful to have been immersed into the world of solicitors, if only for a short period of time. My time spent in Philadelphia as an intern in both 2015 and 2016 has been the best experience of my life so far. Through this kind of experience comes wisdom, which I don’t believe you can acquire from reading a book. Aside from the many friends and contacts I made in the legal world in the States, I mostly enjoyed discussing case briefs and societal issues with my judge. The cases were fascinating and spending time in the civil courts was what was most stimulating for me. Before I went to Philadelphia for the first time, I expected that I would find the criminal cases to be the most exciting rather than the civil cases. However, I learnt that I am most dedicated and interested in the latter. Through my studies in Griffith my interests lie with company law and revenue.

My reasoning for choosing ByrneWallace is through reputation, the superb trainee programme you offer and the type of work you are engaged in. I would really appreciate the opportunity to be a part of something like this.

I am available for interview immediately.

Thank you for taking the time to read my cover letter. I hope to hear from you soon and I am easily reached through email or through my mobile number.

Yours sincerely,

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