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Re: Traineeship Position

Dear Trainee Coordinator,

I am a UCD graduate of Business and Law, currently pursuing my FE1 examinations. I am a positive and motivated individual who has always excelled academically and professionally. I believe that a traineeship with Byrne Wallace LLP, as one of Ireland's leading commercial law firms, would enable me to become the successful, ethical, and competent solicitor that I strive to be. Byrne Wallace LLP is a firm that has shown persistent and unrivaled growth despite being faced with an increasingly challenging and competitive environment. The fact that Byrne Wallace LLP are partnering with Galway-based AI transformation experts, Galvia outlines their focus on progression and competitiveness. I enjoy transactional and project-oriented work, and as a firm that operates in both in a vast area of areas, stemming from Banking, Mergers & Acquisitions as well as providing company secretarial and tax services to its clients, it is clear to me that Byrne Wallace LLP is in line with my aspirations. I believe that working in a team where I would be in a position to hold responsibility and gain an insight to all aspects of the various matters and transactions would enable me to fulfill my full potential, and that Beauchamps is clearly a firm where such would be feasible.

By way of experience, I currently hold the position of a pre trainee at Flynn O'Driscolls LLP. I report directly to the partner in the Banking and Finance department. This position requires keen attention to detail and an ability to prioritize and communicate effectively with other departments and clientele. I have experience working on both lender and borrower side, and my daily tasks range from drafting to reviewing security documentation, drafting ancillary documentation such as board minutes and where required SAP's, providing advice notes to clients, especially in relation to security agreements being offered by direct lenders. I am also tasked with ensuring that the transactions being entered into are compliant from a companies act perspective and ensuring there are no breaches of such. Additionally, I also assist with the corporate team where required, especially in instances where there is an accession being entered into as a part of an acquisition. The clients I have worked with range from high network individuals, to private equity firms and pillar banks.

Further to this, I have completed an 11-week internship at Eversheds-Sutherland's Dispute and Litigation department. During my time at Eversheds-Sutherland, I solidified my desire to forge a legal career working with interesting corporate clients on diverse and ambitious projects. My duties ranged from liaising with clients and counsel, to drafting affidavits and related court documents and conducting external research memos that were presented to clients. I also conducted research for various pro bono matters and was selected to represent and partake in the London offices summer vacation scheme. There, I gained exposure in Pensions and Financial Services Disputes and Investigations. I was also previously employed as a staff assistant in Ernst and Young's tax department, where I found myself drawn to advisory projects and enjoyed working with and learning from established professional colleagues. I further held a position as an Analyst in JPMorgan, tasked with reporting directly to the manager and held responsibility over two of the firms' largest clients.

I enjoy a wide range of extra-curricular activities. I currently compete in Muay Thai and BJJ. This stemmed from partaking in the Alta training course in 2022 which consisted 20 weeks of training every weekday and culminated in a competitive amateur bout in front of over a thousand audience members. This ingrained the reality of putting oneself outside their comfort zone, and the work and dedication required to succeed when doing so.

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

Kind regards,
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