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Re: Application for a Training Contract 2017

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am currently studying for an LLM in International and European Business Law at Trinity College Dublin. Following the completion of this degree, I wish to qualify as a solicitor here in Ireland. Therefore, I would be very grateful if you would consider my application for a traineeship with ByrneWallace, as advertised on your graduate recruitment website.

Two short internships in French lawyers offices during my high school years provided me with my first taste of law and the vital encouragement to pursue studies in this field. Since then, my experience as a law student in both Toulouse University (France) and Trinity College has allowed me to deepen my knowledge of law and to discover that I am particularly interested in pursuing a career in matters of Corporate and Commercial Law, along with Mergers and Acquisitions transactions. In order to gain professional experience in those fields, I completed an internship at a small commercial law firm in Paris last summer. Since these areas are ones in which ByrneWallace lawyers excel, I am extremely motivated to work with your firm.

I consider that ByrneWallace's presence in the international arena is highly appealing, especially for someone with my background. This is because I am bilingual and versed in the fundamentals of both the French and Common Law systems. Moreover, I particularly enjoy the experience of multicultural relations and the study of different legal frameworks, as is reflected by my choice of postgraduate studies. In this respect, I firmly believe that my professional profile would constitute an asset if I were fortunate enough to be selected to work for ByrneWallace.

From an early age, I have shown appetite for work and challenges. Although quite basic, my first weekend job, which I held for over three years, actually provided me with a number of precious skills, including the ability to work in a team with people of different ages and

backgrounds and familiarity with client relations. Moreover, my work as a vendor provided me with an acute sense of business and an understanding of what service providing is all about.

Over the years, my desire to discover other cultures has manifested itself through my willingness to journey in other European countries and the United States. The fact that I selected an undergraduate course that would provide me with the opportunity to participate in the Erasmus programme is consistent with this desire to discover life in a country other than the one in which I was born and raised. I have taken advantage of the networking opportunities offered by the programme, by establishing relations with students and professionals from different countries and walks of life, and continue to do so through a postgraduate course that is international by nature.

In conclusion, I am extremely keen to work as a trainee solicitor with an excellent company such as ByrneWallace and I believe that if I am given the chance, I will very quickly prove to be an asset for the firm.

In order for you to acquire a full appraisal of my candidature, I have enclosed my Curriculum Vitae and remain at your disposal for an interview at any convenient time.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph O'Donohue