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Wednesday, 21st October, 2015

Re: Position of Trainee Solicitor

Dear Ms. McLoughlin,

I am writing to express my interest in the above position which I found advertised on the Law Society of Ireland website. It is my ambition to establish my career as a solicitor and one, I believe, to which my skills and abilities are ideally suited. Since graduating in Law in 2008 (DIT, Second Class Honours, Grade 1) and with an LL.M in Public International Law in 2011 (Leiden University, First Class Honours), I have actively sought to gain experience in professional legal environments, which are detailed further in my attached CV.

I am motivated to apply for a traineeship with Byrne Wallace for two reasons. First of all, I am especially interested in the areas of environmental and planning law, employment law and European competition and regulatory law. My experience as a Judicial Researcher with the Courts Service piqued my interest in the areas of environmental law and competition law. I provided research assistance to judges of the High Court on these, and other, matters pending before the Court. I have previously worked as a caseworker in the employment law division of a civil society organisation, Migrant Rights Centre Ireland. As such, I assisted clients to preparing their complaints for the employment and equality tribunals and updated my colleagues on Irish and European legal developments in the area of employment law. I am eager to build upon this experience by gaining hands-on experience working with legal professionals in these areas.

Secondly, I set high standards for my work, am highly organised and possess a self-starting attitude. My past work experience has often been in fast-paced environments which have equipped me with the skills to prioritise my tasks efficiently, stay focussed under pressure and provide hands-on support to my team, and absorb information quickly and distill it concisely. At your recent Trainee Open Evening I had the opportunity to speak with trainees and partners about the culture of diligence, teamwork and professionalism at Byrne Wallace. My skills and abilities are very much in line with these values and I believe would make me a good fit for Byrne Wallace.

I believe these attributes can make an impactful contribution to exploiting a training contract with Byrne Wallace to its fullest potential and also to contributing to the work of firm's team.

I thank you for considering my application and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Kelly Mackey