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RE: Byrne Wallace Trainee Recruitment 2015

Dear Ms Fox

I am contacting you to register my interest in Byrne Wallace's recruitment of trainee solicitors for 2015. As a law graduate from University College Cork and Trinity College Dublin, I am currently seeking a training contract with a law firm in Dublin and I would be delighted if you would consider my candidacy.

I have recently completed a 4 month internship with Eversheds Ireland where I worked with the Banking and Finance team on numerous loan sale projects which were of crucial importance to the firm. Here, I was responsible for initiating contact with various other firms to arrange Eversheds' access to the relevant title and security documents, scheduling the connections and subsequently delegating each of these for review by our solicitors in the Banking and Property departments. I provided our client with regular breakdowns on the progress we were making during the review stage and ensured that the stringent deadlines that were set were met consistently. I have no doubt that the experience gained from working in such a demanding environment will serve as a fantastic foundation to build my legal career upon with Byrne Wallace.

Furthermore, I spent a month with a commercial and IT sole legal practitioner last March where I submitted trademark applications on behalf of the firm's clients while also advising a telecommunications company on the privacy and data protection regulations applicable to direct marketing in Ireland. This allowed me to put much of my knowledge acquired from my Intellectual Property masters to practical use which I found to be especially rewarding.

My experience to date has proven that I am ideally suited to a career in law and I am fully invested in pursuing this career path. Working as part of a team in high pressure situations has always been a feature of my life outside study when playing sport and this ensured I was able to adapt seamlessly to such an environment in Eversheds where I made strong working relationships with my colleagues. In addition, I am a fast learner and I take the initiative in order to exceed the expectations of demanding clients and colleagues. I have always enjoyed the challenge of dealing with complex and challenging material as demonstrated when winning the 2014 Matheson Information Technology Law Prize. Having such factors work in my favour, I am confident of thriving with the firm should the opportunity be presented.

Having researched the various departments and recent developments within the firm, a training contract with Byrne Wallace is of particular interest to me as I have been impressed by the recent expansion of the firm's financial and tax practice. During my time with Eversheds, I witnessed first-hand that this is a thriving area of the law and the firm's recognition and response to this when injecting the firm's talent pool with the expertise of Joseph Gavin and Anthony Smyth is a perfect example of the ambitious and proactive attitude of the firm towards business. Naturally, I have developed a similar passion for this branch of the law and I feel I would be the perfect addition to such a department. In addition, I have been enthused by the Legal 500's appreciation of the firm's credentials in Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law which I have a particular flair for. With this in mind, I believe I would be the ideal candidate to learn from someone of Darren Daly's calibre in the future.

I look forward to hearing from you and would welcome the opportunity to discuss the traineeship and my own background in more detail at your nearest convenience.

Kind Regards

Yours Sincerely

Kevin O' Driscoll