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Re: Application for training contract

Dear sirs/madam,

I am writing to express my interest in the solicitor training programme. As a recent graduate, I hold an honours Business and Economics degree from Trinity College Dublin, a CIPD recognised diploma in Human Resource Management and recently completed the Ibec certificate in Employment Law. When considering my career I am looking for a pathway that will offer a challenging and sufficiently complex opportunity to utilise and develop the strengths that I have built through my experiences to date.

I began working with Ibec on the graduate trainee programme in September 2014. Since then, I have developed my knowledge of employment law legislation and gained a lot of exposure in relation to recent legislative changes and industrial relations issues. I have represented companies at the Employment Appeals Tribunal, the Labour Court and the Labour Relations Commission. I have gained many important skills such as cross examining witnesses, how to write detailed legal submissions, negotiations, problem solving and public speaking. I review handbooks, contracts and policies to ensure compliance with employment law legislation and as well as writing articles for publication for the Ibec online magazine. I believe the skills I have gained, in this position in particular, will significantly help me as a trainee solicitor.

I have always had an interest in legal affairs and since coming off the Ibec graduate programme I had to decide whether I would like to specialise in the HR field or in the legal field. I've always enjoyed the intricacies and level of detail encompassed in employment law. I enjoy the compliance and legalistic elements of the role and also the problem solving side. As I've developed a strong liking for employment law, I decided I wanted to train as a solicitor and broaden my knowledge in different areas such as commercial, company, and property law within a commercial law firm. I have registered to sit four FE1 exams next March; Criminal, Contract, Equity and Property. My plan is to subsequently sit two exams in September 2016 and two in March 2017, therefore I will be ready to commence a training contract in September 2017.

Please find below my CV attached also for your consideration. I very much look forward to being considered for this role and hope to hear from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,
Laura Reynolds