Dear Byrne Wallace Recruitment,

I am an LLB graduate (2:1, 65%), who has recently concluded the final semester of an LLM at DCU (2:1 grade obtained), who has passed all of the FE1 Examinations on first-attempt. I would be an ideal candidate for the role of Trainee Solicitor, as I have extensive experience in conducting cross-jurisdictional research, as I have worked as a Researcher in the Courts’ Service and the Department of Justice. I would be an ideal candidate to carry out any research or client advices required, as well as upholding client confidentiality, as I have experience working with clients through my previous roles as a Legal Assistant in a solicitor’s office and as a caseworker in the Irish Innocence Project.

I engaged in collaborative working with fellow researchers, operating by way of mutual understanding by dividing group tasks equally and efficiently which I would transfer to collaborating with colleagues at Byrne Wallace.

I also have court-going experience, having been a Judicial Assistant to the Court of Appeal, High Court and Circuit Court. From this position, I have an in-depth knowledge of court practices and procedure, including the necessary steps in litigation to be fulfilled prior to a case coming before a court.

Furthermore, I have great interest in a many of the legal areas practiced at the firm, such as that of Corporate and Commercial Law. In July 2020, I completed the Bright Network Internship Experience on Commercial Law, which gave me invaluable insight into the anatomy of a deal, legal drafting of commercial proceedings as well as conducting legal and business research. I then applied this knowledge towards completing a practical work sample, advising a fictitious company on their best course of action in a prescribed commercial scenario. If chosen as a Trainee, I would be able to further hone my analytical, research and advisory skills that I developed. I also have a particular interest in the niche area of Corporate Immigration due to my current role in the Legal Services Support Unit, whereby I conduct research on behalf of INIS pertaining to Immigration matters in Ireland.

I would be enthusiastic about contributing to “News” section of the Byrne Wallace website, given that I have written many pieces of legal interest for different audiences including lay-people, the judiciary and the Irish Judicial Studies Journal.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Lisa Fitzsimons