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Graduate Recruitment Team,

ByrneWallace,

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Dear Sir/Madam

I’m applying to the 2021 Trainee Programme as advertised on the ByrneWallace LinkedIn page. I am currently in the final year of my Postgraduate Law studies. I’m drawn to ByrneWallace as I have an innate interest in commercial law and believe your trainee programme would be an invaluable opportunity to gain practical experience in a leading progressive law firm.

I’m applying to ByrneWallace as my key areas of interests are Intellectual Property and Data Protection. Throughout the summer, I followed the development of the Schrems II decision and the impact the ECJ decision to reject the Privacy Shield mechanism has had for the transfer of EU data to the US. The implications of the ECJ judgement, as you know, are monumental with companies such as Tik Tok already turning to Data Localisation for personal information as a result of the decision. BW stood out to me in these practice areas due to your commercial focus on the matters. I value that you’re ISO 27001 certified as you have a comprehensive understanding of security risks and GDPR complicity. I believe this demonstrates BW’s innovative spirit and ability to combine law with technology for the benefit of your clients. It is a characteristic I respect and admire.

During the summer, I occupied myself by attending a range of virtual programmes and webinars. Although it wasn’t the summer anyone had planned for themselves, I found opportunities were available despite the inherent difficulties in these times. I participated in a two-month-long internship run by Lawyer Up, designed to provide insight into different legal sectors and practical knowledge through weekly webinars, scheduled Monday to Friday. I developed a global network of peers and gained insight into practice areas I had not yet come across in my Masters in Common Law.

 I also participated in a Commercial Internship run by the Bright Network UK. I completed a work sample over three days. The work sample involved completing a Mergers and Acquisitions Transaction Timeline, Due Diligence Considerations, Non-Disclosure Amendments and Dispute Resolution Mechanisms. It was my first taste of commercial law and has prompted me to seek practical experience in a progressive firm like ByrneWallace as your advice is not given in a vacuum.

In terms of my academic grades, I currently hold an upper second class honours with a 3.55 GPA. A detailed table of my results, to date, is contained in my attached CV. Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing my application.

Sincerely,

Lisa O’Mahony