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Re: Traineeship

Dear HR,

I am an ambitious and hard-working graduate with a first-class honours from my LLB which I studied part-time while working in a challenging full-time role throughout my studies in Dublin Business School. I returned to education as a mature student and have had a lifelong passion for justice and equality and am excited by the possibilities that beginning my career as a trainee solicitor in Byrne Wallace offers.

In addition to my academic excellence, being nominated for the Chief Justice Summer Programme by my college, I have significant professional skills and experience. In my previous role as programme coordinator in DBS I was first point of contact with primary responsibility for over 700 undergraduate and postgraduate students. I expanded my role and voluntarily undertook further responsibilities, volunteering and being chosen by the Executive-Dean of DBS to be a member of a group tasked with preparing a 3-year plan to make the college a leader in sustainability in the private education sector and oversee implementation. My work was recognised nationally in the nomination of DBS for the "Best Green Campus" award. At the same time I was nominated by students as staff personality of the year at the DBS Student Awards 2021 for consistently going above and beyond in my support.

I have worked in the public service in UCD from 2016 to 2018 and I believe that my ability to combine the level of detail required of the public service with the pace and quantity required of the private sector have given me a unique skillset. Prior to that I worked as a freelance radio producer where I received state funding from the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland. I believe that the diverse skills and experiences that I am bringing into my legal career will be invaluable to me and to Byrne Wallace.

I am interested in a traineeship in Byrne Wallace as your core values of decency and integrity resonate with me and I have a particular interest in employment law (which I know you are renowned in) and the emerging interdisciplinary area of Infrastructure Construction and Energy.

I am highly aware of the investment of resources and the commitment that a traineeship requires of both the firm and trainee and greatly respect the opportunity. I strongly feel that as an ambitious graduate and a values-led team player I am able to both learn hugely from this traineeship while also bringing valuable skills and experience that can contribute to your firm.

I believe that I share the values of your firm and have what is necessary to make me an excellent trainee with the potential to develop and contribute to Byrne Wallace.

I sincerely hope that you will consider me as a traineeship candidate.

Kind regards,



Macdara Ó Maolbhuidh