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**Trainee Solicitor Application Form**

Dear Beth

I wish to apply for the Trainee Solicitor Programme and enclose herewith my curriculum vitae. I am currently employed as a paralegal in NAMA Legal and have sat all of the FE1 examinations.

I consider myself to be an exceptional candidate for ByrneWallace’s programme, given the breadth of legal experience I hold and the diverse skillset which I have developed. My most recent roles have exposed me to a number of contemporary legal issues resulting from the economic downtown. As a trainee, I believe my unique commercial and financial awareness would be advantageous. Furthermore, I thrive in positions which have allowed me to work within large teams and to be a key client liaison. I am a clear and effective communicator and in working towards the team’s objectives, take the initiative to get things done without waiting to be prompted.

For me, it is incredibly important to set personal goals and I thrive on attaining them. I am naturally determined and I find competing in long distance races in my spare time provides a great outlet for this. This year, I hoped to beat my personal best time and did so last month in the Dublin half marathon. I am also keen to set goals in new areas and successfully completed my first triathlon this summer.

ByrneWallace has a long-standing reputation as a progressive commercial law firm and the recent award of Law Firm of the Year 2016 attests to this. ByrneWallace’s continuous drive to achieve a competitive advantage in the marketplace is something I admire and am eager to contribute towards. In my current role, I frequently deal with the firm’s property department. The consistent, high calibre of work is impressive and each sale is conducted with the utmost professionalism. This insight has been a key driver behind my choice to apply to the firm as it is clear that ByrneWallace holds high standards and its solicitors provide quality legal advice.

Hearing Matthew Morrow speak at the trainee open night, I was pleased to learn that the firm operates an open door policy and that a trainee is assigned to the larger department, rather than to any one team within it. Choosing a traineeship which offers such vast exposure is incredibly important to me and has been a strong deciding factor in choosing to apply to ByrneWallace. Of equal importance is the level of responsibility entrusted to trainees and Partners’ willingness to include trainees throughout a transaction. The other trainee representative’s example of how she conducted a high value property sale through to completion, demonstrates to me that the firm has confidence in its trainees and pride in the work which the programme has taught. This truly sets ByrneWallace apart.

If chosen, I would give my utmost dedication to the firm throughout and beyond my traineeship. I would like to train in an environment where I know my commercial acumen and legal skills will be nurtured. I believe I have the qualities required to go above and beyond the firm’s expectations and would prove this if afforded a place on the programme.

Yours faithfully

Maeve Monahan