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21st October 2015

**Re: Trainee Solicitor Application October 2015**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would be privileged to be considered for the position of Trainee Solicitor in a progressive Irish law firm such as yours.

Some of my academic achievements to date include the completion of an LL.M in International and European Business Law at Trinity College Dublin achieving a high 2.1 degree. Modules studied included Employment Litigation, Arbitration & Alternative Dispute, International Dispute Resolution and Resolution Corporate Insolvency and Rescue. Part of the course work included the submission of a 25,000 word dissertation on ‘Impartiality and Bias in Arbitration’ which demanded excellent writing and research skills and for which I received a mark of 68%.

I began my studies in law at the National University of Ireland Galway where I completed an undergraduate degree in Corporate Law (International) with Legal French, for which I was awarded a First Class Honours degree. Subjects studied included Employment Relations, Labour Law, Banking Law, Company Law, Commercial Law and Business Organisation and Management.

During 2008/9 I spent an Erasmus year at l'Université de Poitiers, France, where I specialised in Legal French and French language and was awarded a Diploma in French Law.

On completion of my undergraduate degree I spent two years working as a primary school teacher in Abu Dhabi, during which time I was given the opportunity to strengthen my personal skill set. This included public speaking, report writing, time management and constant interaction with peers, parents and management.

My legal work experience includes a three month internship with Flynn O’Driscoll Business Lawyers in 2014. Prior to this I worked as a legal intern in the law firm Crowley & Millar in Dublin and at O’ Kelly Moylan Solicitors in Co. Clare.

My language skills include fluency in French and a working knowledge in Arabic. I am passionate about a career in law. I have passed six FE1 exams to date and I am awaiting the results of the remaining two. I have a positive attitude and am pleasant and confident with people. I can supply excellent references. I wish to thank you sincerely for considering my application for candidacy.

Yours faithfully,

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