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Re: ByrneWallace Trainee Development Programme

Dear Crona,

By way of introduction, my name is Michael Lagan and I am a Law and Business student in Trinity College, Dublin. I am writing to express my interest in the traineeship programme.

I am a final year student and I am passionate about pursuing a career as a corporate solicitor. I believe that ByrneWallace would be an excellent place to start my career as they have the reputation of being a multi-award-winning client-focused powerhouse in commercial law. The firm boasts an impressive Irish and international client base which makes the firm particularly enticing from the point of view of a prospective legal professional. I would be delighted to work for one of the most prestigious law firms in Ireland.

One of the major attractions to working at ByrneWallace is the possibility to work on large-scale complex financial transactions such as the landmark $117.5million deal to fund the expansion of the Lekela Power platform providing renewable power across Africa. In addition, the pro-social corporate culture at the firm sounds like a good fit for me, as someone who is interested in CSR activities and enjoys both the academic and social sides of life. Moreover, I have spoken to representatives from ByrneWallace at college events including Law Fair. They made a strong impression upon me and motivated me to apply for this traineeship.

As you will see in my CV, I have extensive experience in hospitality, strong academics and have completed internships in William Fry and the Central Bank of Ireland. These internships provided me with valuable practical hands-on experience which helped me to sharpen my legal skills and confirmed my interest in pursuing a career in corporate law.

I spent third year studying abroad on Erasmus in Spain at Charles III University, Madrid. I found this to be one of the best experiences of my life. It helped me to broaden my perspective, improved my intercultural understanding and contributed significantly to furthering my personal development. In addition, it helped me to gain conversational fluency in the Spanish language.

In addition to my work and academic experience, I have a strong attention to detail, I am highly organised, proactive and I know how to prioritise tasks.  I am personable and I build up rapport easily with people. I always aim to complete my college tasks in a timely manner and I draft my assignments and essays using clear, concise language.  I am adaptable and I am willing to put in the hours to ensure that work gets completed on time.  I have a positive attitude which I believe is an important trait for any successful person.

I would welcome the opportunity to apply, enrich and further my knowledge, experience and skills by participating in your Trainee Solicitor Programme. I attach a copy of my curriculum vitae for your consideration.

I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Lagan