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Re: Application for the position of Trainee Solicitor

Dear Ms Fox

Having had an interest your firm for several years now, I recently had the opportunity to speak with representatives of your recruitment team regarding your advertised openings on the Trainee Solicitors Program and would be delighted if you would consider my application for the position of Trainee Solicitor.

I am currently a final year student in Trinity College Dublin, expecting to graduate in September 2016 with a First Class Honours degree in TSM Jewish and Islamic Civilisations with History. I also have a wealth of experience working in LawPlus Solicitors, a busy general practice law firm, and a keen commercial insight and business acumen developed in part through my role as Director and Company Secretary for my family business, Christoffersen Limited. I feel that these talents and experiences, combined with a broad humanities degree and excellent academic record, would make me an excellent candidate for a traineeship with your firm.

I have always had a keen interest in Law, and this has developed over my six years at LawPlus into a passion and a real desire to build my career in law, more specifically in contentious litigation and dispute resolution. During my time in LawPlus I have been given wide ranging exposure to many different aspects of the legal profession and in recent years I have worked with increasing autonomy and responsibility. Over this past summer, I took a number of significant steps in terms of increased responsibility within the firm. I attended Counsel alone in the High Court for motions during the vacation sitting, and I also assisted a Partner in Court for a number of Judicial Review applications made during the vacation in urgent Child Law matters, and for directions hearings in the Court of Civil Appeal. I prepared papers for these hearings and applications, working from Counsel's draft papers and reviewing these with the Client and the case handler to reach a final version for Court. I also took a key role in the Conveyancing Department, taking over the day to day management of residential

conveyancing files and registration of title in the Land Registry. This experience has confirmed that a career in law is the right path for me, having experienced life 'at the coal face' of the legal profession, in a busy and demanding environment.

Throughout my time in LawPlus I have shown a distinct aptitude for law and know that this is an area in which I have demonstrable ability and skill that would be of benefit in any legal environment. My particular interest is in contentious litigation, where my eye for strategy puts me in a very strong position. I have acted in a support role in the Litigation Department throughout my time at the firm and in that role I have attended settlement talks and meetings with clients and I have been involved in case planning, legal research and strategy discussion with the partners and key fee earners.

I am also passionate about business and commerce in Ireland. Nearly three years ago, my parents (finding themselves without an income) set about starting their own businesses. I took a lead role in the development of these two businesses from the start and when we took the next step in June this year and formed a limited company I handled that process from start to finish. This experience has given me great insight into the issues and challenges faced by businesses in Ireland. It has also been an opportunity to demonstrate valuable business acumen. I have negotiated with international suppliers for significant contracts, I have set up the company bank accounts and organised for an e-commerce payment system and a merchant services credit card terminal. These experiences have put me at the front line of our own business, meaning that when I come to advise your commercial clients, I will know what's important to them, and I will be able to relate to their situations and understand their perspective.

Recently, I have demonstrated my commercial awareness in the GradIreland National Student Challenge. This competition is sponsored and part-organised by Ireland's largest professional services firms and seeks to identify candidates who demonstrate commercial awareness, teamwork and leadership abilities and the potential to thrive in Ireland's commercial and professional services sector. I have enjoyed great success in this competition, reaching the national finals in 2013, 2014, and 2015 and ranking third overall (and the top-ranked TCD student) in 2015. I am currently ranked third overall and again the top-ranked TCD student in the opening stages of the 2016 competition.

This mix of experiences and skills puts me in a unique position. I am enthusiastic and motivated to pursue a career in law and I have the skills and the ability to thrive in the pressured environment of a large and growing law firm. I very much look forward to starting that journey with ByrneWallace.

Many thanks for considering my application, I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully to speaking with you at interview.

Yours sincerely



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