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Re: Trainee Solicitor Programme 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to your advertisement on your firm's website, I would like to apply to your "Trainee Solicitor" programme. I graduated from Ankara University Faculty of Law with a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.). Upon completion of my legal traineeship in Turkey, I was granted the Jean Monnet Scholarship and came to Ireland to complete my master's degree at Trinity College Dublin. I had to take a written exam in order to be considered for this scholarship, and I was one of the top 54 candidates. My main research area of focus was the intersection between Competition Law and Intellectual Property rights in the light of essential facilities doctrine.

Following my graduation, I commenced employment with Meta (*via Covalen*) during the COVID-19 pandemic as a Community Operations Analyst. I enjoyed the responsibility of dealing with a variety of cases concerning users' accounts and collaborating with cross-functional teams. While working in this role, I started working on my Ph.D. at Maastricht University as an external researcher. My objective in enrolling in this course was to continue to develop my knowledge of law albeit working in a different/separate industry with the purpose of obtaining my Stamp 4.

In my current role at Trinity College Dublin's Research & Innovation Department, I have been responsible for reviewing, negotiating, and drafting contractual terms with various stakeholders. This experience has allowed me to improve my attention to detail and develop strong negotiation skills, particularly in managing a portfolio of contracts while ensuring that all documentation is completed with precision and in accordance with institutional and legal guidelines. Furthermore, providing financial and contractual advice to both principal investigators and administrators has sharpened my ability to communicate complex legal concepts in a clear and practical manner. Additionally, preparing detailed reports for various stakeholders has strengthened my analytical and communication skills.

In the course of my studies and legal experience, I have conducted legal research and writing and have assisted clients with a primary focus on intellectual property rights; antitrust; and data privacy. In my research dissertation, my main area of the focus was "*De Facto Standard Essential Patents as an Essential Facility and Analyse of the Competition Law Remedies to End Infringements Sourced from Them*". My approach to this dissertation commenced with a thorough literature review, encompassing, case law, and scholarly articles in the domain of competition law. In this vein, I applied legal doctrines, economic models, and regulatory frameworks to scrutinise the intricacies of my problem questions. I carefully analysed legal precedents, assessing their implications and impact on the evolving landscape of competition law.

While I have a strong ability to work on my own initiative, balancing and progressing multiple files with minimal supervision, I also enjoy working as part of a team on larger instructions and I am always cognisant of knowing my own limits and when to ask for guidance from more experienced colleagues. I enjoy problem-solving, the construction of an argument and am attracted to the rigour of law. The fast-paced lifestyle, challenge and variety of commercial work have motivated and drawn me into this profession.

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As you may see from my resume, I have always been fascinated by how law can or should offer solutions in a constantly evolving world. I am keen to further my legal training in, and ultimately to pursue a long-term career as a qualified solicitor in, a more commercially focussed environment. In this regard, training with ByrneWallace LLP, and having the opportunity to learn from experts across such a broad range of practice areas and sectors, is a highly attractive prospect.

I believe I can offer a unique perspective to this role due to my practical experience and diverse background. I am eager to bring my skills and commitment to your team, contributing to the success and continued growth of the ByrneWallace LLP. Thank you for taking the time to read my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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