**Cover Letter**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in relation to your advertised vacancy, and would like to express to my interest in applying. My name is Pádraig O’ Connor, and I am a Law (Clinical) graduate from University College Cork (Ireland).

Firstly, I would like to apply to your firm because working in a renowned commercial firm has been a desire of mine since I began studying. The various intricacies of working in commercial law and consultancy are an aspect of my studies which I have developed a particular interest in, and the fluid, fast-paced dynamic of the workplace itself is an environment in which, I believe, I would thrive. Over the course of my studies and extra-curricular activities, I have become very familiar with and comfortable in high pressure situations, a trait which I believe would serve me well if I were to work in such an institution.

Furthermore, I am particularly drawn to your firm as the client driven nature of the firm is something which I find hugely attractive. When endeavouring to provide as valuable a service as possible, a focus on the needs and best interests of the client is of utmost importance, and the weight which this is given by your firm is an important factor in my decision to apply. Moreover, my experience form my legal studies has given me a great aptitude for this field of work, along with developing an ability to multitask, a superb level of organisation and has allowed me to develop a keen attention to detail. Further, my legal work experience has given me invaluable administrative and commercial experience. My time working in the litigation, insolvency and investment funds departments of three of leading Irish law firms has exposed me to the various intricacies and complications of the commercial world. Also, my wealth of experience in the hospitality industry, complimented by my legal experience, has taught me a variety of client care skills.

Finally, I believe I would be well-suited to the job, as I believe my past experiences, both academic and otherwise, have allowed me to develop and refine many skills which would be relevant to work in a firm such as yours. My time spent working with various sporting clubs has enhanced my ability to work as part of an efficient team, communicate effectively, and assume leadership positions. Also, my past employment has taught me, amongst others, to work innovatively and on my own initiative, and to maintain a high standard of performance in spite of pressure-driven situations. In addition to this, I believe that my study at University, along with my experience in working in commercial law firms in Ireland has allowed me to become very comfortable with client care and problem-solving, along with fostering a passion for learning and pushing my knowledge as far as possible. I believe these skills would be extremely useful to me if I were afforded and opportunity to work at your firm, and I would love to see them challenged and further developed.

I hope to hear from you in the future.

Kind regards,

Pádraig O’ Connor.