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**Re:      Trainee Solicitor Application 2018**

Dear Sirs,

I refer to the above and wish to submit an application for a place on your firm’s Trainee Solicitor Programme.

I graduated from University College Dublin in 2017 with Bachelor of Civil Law (Hons). Since then I have gained valuable legal experience in the areas of personal injuries litigation and claims management, together with GDPR while working with the State Claims Agency. I successfully passed my four Final Examinations Part 1 (FE1’s) at first sitting in March 2018 and I am currently awaiting the results of the two FE1’s which I undertook in October 2018. I endeavour to sit my remaining two FE1’s in March 2019.

I am a hard working and motivated individual who has a huge interest in all areas of law. This can be seen by the fact I have completed numerous work experiences and internships in the legal sector both during and after university. Since graduating, I decided that it would be of great benefit to me to gain additional experience while also studying for my FE1’s. I am currently employed full time with the State Claims Agency and feel that my work ethic and motivation to gain work experience while also passing my exams was such that I decided to take on both endeavours at the same time. By April 2019 I will have 18 months post graduation experience with the State Claims Agency, this extended period of work experience puts me in an ideal situation to be an asset to any firm on their trainee solicitor programme.

While I have also taken my career and education seriously, I also describe myself as a sporting individual. I have been a member of many teams through GAA, Golf, and Scouting and also throughout my many work experiences. These experiences have made me a more confident person who enjoys meeting and working with new people. It shows that I have the ability to fit seamlessly it different teams and add value to those teams also.

I also like to keep up to date with politics and current events as I am aware of how much of an impact both of these can have an the business environment. While working in the area of GDPR I was hugely interested in how one piece of legislation was able to affect all companies and businesses in every aspect of their being. The interaction between law and business inherent in GDPR has really attracted me towards a career in commercial law. Also, if my previous work experiences have though me anything is that legal practice has to also be thought of as a business, which is something that is often overlooked in a university environment. I am now acutely aware of the roles client management and reputation play in a commercial law firm’s ability to maintain and win business, so while training as a solicitor I look forward to working on my client management and networking skills while also enhancing my legal skills.

I would be grateful if you would consider my application for a place on your firm’s Trainee Solicitor Programme and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Padraic Wafer