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Trainee Solicitor Programme

Dear HR Manager,

I would like to apply for the position of trainee at Byrne Wallace. I graduated in 2020 with a First Class Honours in Law with French Law from UCD. Since graduating, I have completed all 8 FE-1 exams and worked in two very interesting legal environments which I think will help me better prepare for the role of a trainee at Byrne Wallace.

I have researched your website and your graduate programme and I was impressed firstly by the interesting practice areas but mostly the visible commitment to your staff and clients. I like that there is a mix between public and private law clients as I find the work for both quite different but interesting. I note some of your clients include RTE, Central Bank of Ireland, The Irish Times and CRH plc. I think this broad variety of clients, who all operate in very diverse fields, would make for an interesting traineeship and one that I would learn a lot from.

I did a summer internship at Avolon, an aviation leasing firm in 2019. I had the opportunity to work with the transaction legal team assisting them in preparing documents such as deeds of release and bills of sale to lease airplanes to airlines around the world. I learned how to manage my time and deliver the high quality results that were expected of me in this fast-paced environment. I also completed a summer internship at Barry O'Donnell Solicitors and then worked part-time as a paralegal at the firm during my final year of university. I gained an interesting insight into the profession and loved working on matters for clients as part of a team.

After completing the FE-1s, I worked for four months at Philip Lee Solicitors from which I gained excellent exposure and prepared me well to start a traineeship at a law firm. I am currently working as an intern for Advocate General Hogan at the CJEU, which has been a huge learning curve. My hope is that the experience will help me better advise clients as a solicitor in the future.

During my time at UCD I was involved in Europa, a society which promoted European Union values and the Student Legal Service. I trained as a clinic volunteer to offer free legal advice to students and I wrote an article comparing surrogacy laws in France and Ireland for the SLS Journal. I am very personable and enthusiastic as a person and in my free time I enjoy swimming, running and playing tennis.

Thank you for considering my application.

Yours faithfully,

Róisín Rainey