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Re: Trainee Solicitor Programme at ByrneWallace

To whom it may concern,

I wish to apply for the Trainee Solicitor Programme at ByrneWallace .

I am committed to pursuing a career in law, having undertaken Law & German in Trinity College as my degree. I consider that both my 2.1 overall result and my current dedication to completing FE-1 exams give me good standing when applying for the Trainee Programme. I am looking to gain experience in a highly challenging legal environment that would allow me to further develop the skills necessary to become a solicitor.

I believe that I have already developed some of these skills not only through working as a Trainee in the European Commission, but also through working in Google's European headquarters in Dublin, as well as a Paralegal in the Banking and Property department of Ivor Fitzpatrick & Company Solicitors.

During my time in Google I worked as part of the Contract Administration EMEA team. As part of this role I reviewed agreements for various financial and legal requirements. I also had power of attorney to execute these agreements, if compliant, on behalf of a number of Google entities. These agreements could range from low value to extremely high value revenue generating deals. My team were also responsible for compiling end of quarter presentations for the board of directors. Due to the fact that I have a high level of proficiency in German, both written and spoken, and a familiarity with the German legal system, through my degree, I was also charged with reviewing German data processing contracts that were subject to German law. I gained experience of reviewing legal agreements, particularly in respect of data privacy provisions. I also gained exposure to a global client base and high value deals.

The experience I gained during my time in Google has stood to me in my current role working as a Trainee in the European Commission. I work in the Consumer and Marketing Law Unit in DG Justice and Consumers. My role is to assist with preparing infringement procedures, focusing particularly on a broad horizontal check of national laws transposing the Consumer Rights Directive and the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive across the Member States. I am excited to be gaining experience with an international focus and to gain an insight into the inner workings of the Executive arm of the EU.

I also gained legal experience on a large scale in my role as a Paralegal in Ivor Fitzpatrick & Company Solicitors. This role involved working as part of a project team on behalf of a client lender. I was responsible for collating title and security deeds, and

following this I was responsible for preparing and scheduling them correctly. I attended the closing of a transaction on behalf of a partner where we were representing a client lender. I was also responsible for reviewing the assignability provisions of loan facility offer letters contained in a data room, and inputting the findings of my review of the data room documents onto a group spreadsheet for the client lender. In addition to working on a large scale project, I also engaged in research and the drafting of client bulletins in respect of the effect of the new Companies Act.

Working as a corporate lawyer involves not only an understanding of the law but also commercial realities. I have been part of teams involved in delivering projects for clients, balancing commercial and legal concerns. It is necessary at all times to understand the activities of the market and how your client interacts with it. This is an important part of advising clients in their best interests.

I am looking to work in ByrneWallace because I want to apply the skills I have accrued through my work experience and develop them further in order to help me in becoming a solicitor.

ByrneWallace is one of the leading law firms in the Irish legal landscape. I have had exposure to the type of work I would undertake as a trainee and future solicitor through my work experience and I feel it is something I would very much enjoy. Training in ByrneWallace would give me the opportunity to gain exposure to high profile and international clients, and to complex and innovative transactions. This is of huge interest to me due to my unique experience and degree. A Traineeship in ByrneWallace is also very appealing given the reputation of the firm's practitioners in the Irish legal market. Training in ByrneWallace would give the opportunity to learn from first class solicitors, so that I could improve my skill-set and become a well-rounded commercial solicitor.

I thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Clabby