08 October 2021

**Re: Application to the Trainee Solicitor Programme**

Dear Ms Murray,

I am a BCL graduate of UCD and I have successfully passed 8 Blackhall FE1 exams.

I believe that I am a suitable candidate for the trainee solicitor position due to my academic background together with the practical legal experience I have gained to date working as a judicial assistant to the Court of Appeal and as a paralegal in the Mental Health Commission.

In September 2021, I took up my current employment in the Mental Health Commission as a paralegal. In this role I provide legal and administrative support to the Head of Legal of the Mental Health Commission.

Previous to this, I worked as a judicial assistant to the Court of Appeal (Research Pool). In this role I worked on a variety of cases including criminal matters, personal injuries, family law, taxation and judicial review. necessary. My position ensured that I was informed and kept abreast of any seminal judgments and legal developments within the Superior Courts.

I note that ByrneWallace has a strong reputation in healthcare law and this is of particular interest to me. From my experience working in the Courts and more recently in the Mental Health Commission, I have learned a lot in this area of law and I am eager to build on this knowledge. Furthermore, I believe that my experience in such a highly-regulated sector will have wider application and leaves me well-placed to understand the issues of compliance and risk as issues of utmost importance to a commercial lawyer.

I hope that you will look favourably on my application and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Gahan