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Dear Ms Murray,

I wish to express my interest in the position of a trainee as part of ByrneWallace’s Trainee Solicitor Programme.

In 2017, I completed a BCL in Dublin City University and was awarded a strong, Second Class Honours, Grade One degree, finishing in the top 20% of my class. In October 2018, I returned from the United Kingdom after completing an MA in Medical Law and Ethics at King’s College London. Most recently, I sat my first set of FE1 examinations, obtaining a pass in Constitutional Law, Contract Law and Criminal Law. I am due to sit my next 5 exams this coming October.

I am eager to take on a position as a trainee solicitor at ByrneWallace, as the specialist areas covered by the firm reflect my own interests and experience. These areas include healthcare law, corporate law and tax. My first exposure to the areas of law covered by ByrneWallace was during a week’s work placement I completed at the firm during the Summer of 2017. Although I was only there for a week, it gave me a great insight into the area of work I wish to be involved in upon finishing my exams. I was struck by the warm and inviting atmosphere I was exposed to during my time at the firm and I believe I would thrive in an environment as such.

I am aware that ByrneWallace is the largest firm in Ireland that offers such a diversity of expertise, covering every major area of Irish law. I believe that through my varied work experience and volunteer experience, I have demonstrated an ability to adapt to a fast-paced work environment, whatever the area of law. During my time in London I sat as an in-house clinical negligence intern in King’s College Hospital; the workload was vast, challenging and high profile. This allowed me to develop my ability to work confidently when under time constraints while devoting attention to detail.

When I returned to Dublin, I began an internship in the corporate department in Philip Lee. Here I was provided with the opportunity to assist in a group restructuring including intra-group transfers and 12 individual domestic mergers. I worked closely with a partner in the tax department and an associate in the corporate department, assisting in the drafting, reviewing and managing of a large quantity of documents. My experience, both at King’s College Hospital and Philip Lee, provided me with a varied experience of different areas of law, from commercial and corporate transactions to high profile clinical negligence cases. It is for this reason that I can say with certainty that I aspire to a career as a solicitor in a firm such as ByrneWallace, renowned for their expertise in complex and specialist areas.

I am confident my various experiences and extra circular activities demonstrate my ability to be innovative, perform at a high standard while maintaining attention to detail, something I am aware is extremely important when pursuing a career as a solicitor. I thrive in an office environment and love working with people and work extremely well as part of a team. I love being challenged by my work and consider my skills to be transferable. I am eager to utilise these skills in ByrneWallace.

I would welcome the opportunity to provide more information at interview.

Yours sincerely,

Robyn Bourke