## Cover Letter

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**RE: Application for traineeship**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my interest for the traineeship as advertised on your website. I have recently completed my coop work experience at Melvyn Hanley Solicitors in Limerick and I am very much interested in pursuing a career as a Solicitor. My recent work experience has strengthened my desire to work in this area. Feedback from my manager during that placement was very positive and he indicated that my skills such as communicating, typing and reading for example, had improved greatly.

I live on a stud farm in County Limerick, a small village called Manister. Ever since, I was very young, I have always helped out on the farm during evenings and weekends. I went to primary school in Crecora and attended Secondary School in Croom. However, I didn’t like secondary school and felt that I did not do the best I could have in my leaving certificate. The reasons being were such that for instance, I couldn’t do the subjects I wanted to do and was forced to do subjects that I didn’t like. I was forced to do ordinary level in English, Irish and Maths because the classes were too full and felt this was unfair, as I had done all Honours for my Junior Cert and had gone on extremely well. However, I decided in 6th year that to bring up my points, that I would study a subject at home by myself. I decided to do Biology and bought a book for it. I really liked it and achieved a C2 in Higher Level, which I was extremely proud off.

Following on from the leaving cert, I had received a place in UL in a course titled Economics and Sociology. At the time, I didn’t really know what course I wanted to do, so decided that this definitely was not for me. During that year, I decided to do an evening diploma in Legal Studies and also a course in Accountancy at ECB in Limerick. Unfortunately, the Accountancy College shut down and I had a lot of the accountancy exams done such as F1, F2, F3 and most of the accountancy technician exams. However, at the back of my mind, I was never a 100% happy about accountancy. On finishing my diploma in Legal Studies, I achieved two A1’s in European Law and Sources of Irish Law. I really enjoyed this diploma and knew at this stage that law was the career for me. However, I had not enough points for U.L.

That November, I decided to apply for the Access Course in U.L. This was extremely competitive as there were only 13 places and hundreds going for it. Thankfully, I got into the course and was accepted into Law Plus. During first year, I received the best in my class for Labour Law, which consisted of about 300 pupils. I was awarded a certificate by a High Court Judge from Dublin in a ceremony in the White House in U.L. I was extremely proud of this as I had worked very hard. Currently, I am now in fourth year of Law and hope to go on and do the FE 1’s, once I am finished my degree.

My main interests would be horse-riding, horse-racing, swimming and running. We have a number of horses on the farm and they have always been a part of my life. They are a place for me to go to, when I want peace of mind and a break away from the books. I have won numerous rosettes in competitions throughout the years. I also try to go to the gym or out for a jog at least twice a week. I think it is important to keep fit and active. I always like to travel and go to see a country every year. This year, I went to Spain for 3 weeks and really enjoyed it.

I am confident that my excellent academic achievements and success in my career to date make me a strong candidate for this position. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and am available for interview at any time. Please don’t hesitate to contact me on 0868432625 or by email at [rosiekeating.keating@gmail.com](mailto:rosiekeating.keating@gmail.com).

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Kind Regards,

Rose Keating