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Beth Onslow - HR Administrator

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Dear Ms. Onslow,

My name is Stephen Traynor and I am an LL.M graduate of International Business Law from Maynooth University. To date, I have completed four FE1's, and have just completed an eight-month graduate internship with Matheson. During this internship, I gained valuable experience working across Matheson's FinTech, Technology and Asset Management Groups. This experience was hugely beneficial to me in terms of gaining exposure to the corporate environment, and also gave me insight into the direction I would like to take my career.

I understand that Byrne Wallace requires it's trainees to be of the highest quality, to be innovative, astute, and commercially aware. To this end, I have worked to focus my Master's thesis on a disruptive and highly innovative area, that being; Financial Technology (Blockchain technology, Crypto-currencies, and Smart Contracts). Recently, there has been a great upsurge in the need for legal analyses in these matters, but, due to the inherent complexities of both law and technology, ascertaining a cohesive body of knowledge has proved to be a challenge. Therefore, it has been my intention to distil the functionality of these technologies with regard to their respective points of legal interest, so that I may better advise clients as commercial activity in the sector grows.

I believe that Byrne Wallace can provide me with the opportunity to progress my career in the right direction, as a traineeship with such an innovative and commercially focused firm would allow me to operate and excel in the areas of law in which I hold the greatest interest. Aside from my interests in the areas of technology and data protection, I also hold a tremendous interest in the areas of Intellectual Property Law, Commercial Contracts, and Funds Law. I also believe that strong foundations in these fields are highly valuable at the corporate level, and so, have endeavoured to up-skill my abilities through outside learning, work experience, and my university module selections.

Being that Byrne Wallace is one of Irelands most distinctive and innovative law firms, I have no doubt that the training and development I would receive during my traineeship would be exciting, engaging, and would equip me with the skills to become successful in Ireland's legal and advisory world.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely

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Stephen Traynor