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Ciara Loftus

ByrneWallace

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Dear Ciara,

I am writing to apply for a training contract at ByrneWallace.

I have chosen to apply to ByrneWallace due to its reputation for excellence earned by providing first-rate legal advice and client service for over 40 years. ByrneWallace offers what I believe is the best training contract to achieve my potential as a lawyer.

I have wanted to be a lawyer since I was thirteen. That summer I attended a CTYI (Centre for Talent Youth Ireland) module on law, in which I was taught basic aspects of constitutional law and criminal procedure. I was motivated by this experience to pursue a career in law and to become a solicitor. That ambition has not changed in the decade since. In the interim, I have been awarded an honours degree in law from UCD, passed all eight FE1 exams, and gained valuable legal work experience with the Aer Lingus legal department, at corporate firm McDowell Purcell (now Fieldfisher), and at global firm Baker McKenzie.

Most recently, I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside my colleagues around the world on large deals and for high profile clients while at Baker McKenzie, resulting in promotion to the role of a Specialist Legal Professional within the corporate unit. Within this role, I am required to lead teams on legal projects, often working alongside trainees and associates from our London office and further afield. I believe I have learned a lot about the practice of corporate law and acquired valuable skills that will stand me in good stead when I begin my training contract.

I am determined to train and qualify as a solicitor in my native Dublin and would be delighted to have the opportunity to interview with ByrneWallace. I have been convinced to apply due to factors such as the firm's forward thinking approach to use of new legal tools and technologies and recognised expertise in the energy and natural resources, technology, and life sciences sectors. These are areas of law in which I am very interested in completing a rotation and believe ByrneWallace would be the best place to do so. The fact ByrneWallace advises clients in respect of a range of issues in each individual department and not any one niche area makes it the firm of choice for a trainee as it will offer the opportunity to gain broad experience within each rotation. Finally, it is clear from my research that the structured training and collegiate environment offered would benefit any prospective solicitor.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Condon