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Re: Legal Traineeship 2024.

Dear Ciara,

By way of background, I am a graduate of Civil Law from the University of Galway and a Masters of International Law and Business from University College Dublin. I also have 8 FE1 examinations completed.

My experience in general practice includes assisting solicitors in case management across litigation, employment law, probate and conveyancing. I was also involved in attending client meetings and with counsel. I completed tasks including the preparation of documents for the closing of a sale of property in the Commercial Real Estate (CRE) team in Matheson. I assisted solicitors in the case management across all aspects of CRE. I was actively involved in researching various points of law which aided solicitors in providing advice to clients. I further completed a group project in Matheson on the effect artificial intelligence will have on the future of trainees. I also completed a group project as part of my master's program specifically on the implications from the mass sale of non-performing loans in Ireland and internationally in McCann Fitzgerald.

One of key aspects that draws me to Byrne Wallace is the dedication towards Corporate Social Responsibility. The core values of Byrne Wallace are reflected in my ongoing work in being the co-founder of the "Sports for All" initiative. I observed the need for the creation of a safe space for families whose children have additional needs. I was able to garner support from families, local businesses and political figures to support over 105 families and raise €1435.00 for Ability West in the completion of a full distance triathlon on their behalf. Further, Byrne Wallace recognises the importance of client service and its role in the wider community. Enabling people to be the best versions of themselves is a skill I developed as a tutor in Property Law and Understanding the Law in University of Galway. Further, my ongoing work within the Reserve Defence Forces has taught me the various skills of leadership, attention to detail organisation and teamwork. Working in a high performing unit and executing instructions have taught me the importance of trust and building strong relationships within a team. This year, I was nominated for promotion exemplifying the trust the organisation has in me.

My commitment to a career in Byrne Wallace was confirmed when speaking to solicitors from Byrne Wallace. The people in the firm showed a genuine interest in me as a person and the skills I have which will add value to the firm. I was particularly interested in the types of transactions trainees were involved daily and the structure involved in a team including trainees, associates and partner which cultivates a supportive and high performing environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration in considering my application and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,
Thomas Halligan