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Trainee Solicitor Programme 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with the hope of being considered for the trainee solicitor programme offered by your firm. I am currently undertaking 4 FE-1 exams in October 2019 having just completed a postgraduate LLB Degree at University College Cork. I am whole-heartedly interested in pursuing a career in commercial law.

As a non-law undergraduate, I have taken to postgraduate law with the utmost enthusiasm and have found it quite an easy transition, graduating with an overall grade of 68% from my LLB. With a strong technological background from my undergraduate degree, I feel I would be a great fit for ByrneWallace, given their reputation as a leading advisor of international and Irish tech companies. I have a huge personal interest in the tech sector and really enjoyed IT Law at college, particularly the areas of privacy and data protection and IP(1.1 achieved in both modules). I would cherish the opportunity to gain more practical experience in either of these areas and feel as though ByrneWallace could afford me this opportunity.

Last summer I completed a legal internship at a corporate law firm which helped me decide that a career in corporate law was something I was willing to commit to. Particularly within a reputable firm such as ByrneWallace. The pace, the dynamic nature and varying practice areas had the most pull for me. Company law in college really interested me and I gained a First Class Honours in my final year exam. I also enjoyed seeing the practical implementation of the law in advising clients while positioned in the Corporate and Commercial department. This placement also encouraged me to apply for another legal position this summer which I completed at the ADAPT Research Centre. I joined the team as part of the Intellectual Property Department gaining invaluable experience in the drafting of legal documents.

I am particularly drawn to the trainee programme at ByrneWallace as I have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from past interns and indeed current trainees.

Ideally, what I am looking for is a firm that would nurture and develop my skills and allow me to experience a variety of practice areas in order to find the best fit for me. The feedback I have gotten in this regard has been outstanding and I would relish the opportunity of working in such a leading Irish firm.

The location of the firm also attracts me and was definitely a factor in my decision to apply. I would love to relocate to Dublin and would enjoy working in the heart of such a dynamic business and tech centre, given the relationship between the firm and this community. With this impression of ByrneWallace as a firm, I feel as though it would be somewhere where I could thrive and really contribute to in a positive way.

With the above information, my CV and application, I would be grateful if you would consider me for an interview for this programme. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Laura McGrath