

# Crea Shine

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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Crea Shine and I am a second year law and political science student in Trinity College. I am a diligent and hardworking student and have been consistently dedicated to my studies throughout my entire academic career. Since Transition Year of secondary school I have developed a keen interest in competitions pertaining to legal pursuits such as mock trial, commercial negotiations and mootings. In secondary school these interests afforded me the opportunity to compete in the Criminal Courts of Justice and the Southern District Court of New York, while also securing me a spot in the University of Georgetown Summer Internship Program. In college I have been able to continue to compete in competitions of this nature, winning the Matheson Junior Mock trial and the A&L Goodbody Commercial Negotiations competition last year. This passion is indicative of good public speaking abilities in addition to being able to formulate cases and arguments.

This is a large reason as to why I have decided to pursue a legal career. I realised my innate ability to argue. Commercial negotiations have taught me a great deal about what working as a corporate solicitor may entail. I recently had the opportunity to compete in the National Negotiations competition in Blackhall, where I had the opportunity to negotiate against students from The Law Society, from whom I learned a great deal about professionalism and strategies for working on securing a deal for a client. I have thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of my degree to date. I have a minor in political science which I believe affords me a fresh perspective as I can bring both a sociological and an economic view to things, given my study of social science.

In relation to Byrne Wallace LLP, I believe this to be an environment that would nurture my wide variety of legal interests, being a full service law firm with a vast amount of practice areas. The emphasis on work in the public sector was one thing that enticed me about Byrne Wallace LLP. While I have an interest in corporate law, I appreciated Byrne Wallace's transparency about being in touch with the people of Ireland and representing those who are accountable to the wider public. I perceive this to be hugely indicative of a healthy firm culture. Additionally, all of the international links this firm has was an aspect that I appreciated, given that I speak a number of European languages and with travel being something that I highly value, and something that I have been pursuing throughout my college years. World knowledge is an invaluable trait to bring to any workplace environment.

