

To: ByrneWallace Graduate Recruitment Manager

Dear Graduate Recruitment Manager,

Good evening. I hope you're keeping well.

My name is Daniel Walsh. I'm from Galway, and I am a third-year law student at Trinity College Dublin. I'd like to apply to be a part of your Summer Internship Programme intake for 2023.

Hopefully, you'll find attached my C.V., which details my academic and employment history. So as to avoid repetition, I might use this opportunity to discuss the reasons I'm so drawn to ByrneWallace, and why I believe that I could be an asset to the firm.

I've known from a relatively early age that I wanted to practise law. I've always enjoyed debate and public speaking, so it felt like a natural fit. During transition year, I had the opportunity to participate in the PAL Mock Trial Competition. That experience only strengthened my belief that Law was the right path for me.

Upon starting my law degree in 2020, I became convinced that my future lay at the Bar of Ireland. I had participated in mock trial and debating throughout secondary school, and I believed that Criminal Law would afford me the best opportunity to practise the kind of advocacy I had so enjoyed throughout secondary school, the kind of advocacy which had led me to enter law in the first instance.

As such, through much of first and second year, I didn't engage with commercial law firms to any great degree. At the end of second year, on an older classmate's advice, I applied to a number of one-day insight days at a number of commercial law firms. My experience there really opened my eyes to the opportunities available in commercial law.

Other things drawing me to ByrneWallace include the wide variety of law practised by the firm.

An area which is of particular interest to me is litigation and dispute resolution. As I mentioned, I really enjoy the advocacy element of legal practise. I note that ByrneWallace has a very strong Litigation practise, working across a wide area of law. I note that your website lists dispute resolution outside of the courts as an area of expertise. I've just returned from an Academic Exchange at the University of Toronto, where I really enjoyed a module I took in Mediation & ADR. I believe that it's a field of growing importance, and it's one that I'd really like to explore further in the future.

I would love the opportunity to spend some time with you at ByrneWallace, and I feel that, given time and guidance, I could come to be a real asset to the firm. I hope that you'll consider me for the summer internship programme.

Best,

Daniel Walsh