

Éilis Ní Bhraonáin
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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Éilis Ní Bhraonáin and I graduated from Trinity College in May 2018 having been awarded a LL.B degree in Law and French (LLB). I am writing to you with a view to being positively considered for Byrne Wallace's Training Programme.

I have been interested in a career in corporate law for some time. In pursuing a degree in Law and French, I wished to ensure I had fluent language skills in a third European language (as well as Irish and English), with the intention to later embark upon a legal career which would allow me to experience a multifaceted and stimulating work environment.

Upon graduating, I worked as a pre-trainee in the commercial law firm Philip Lee. The work was demanding and fast-paced, requiring excellent time management and drafting skills. I compiled briefing notes for clients, updated the legal databases, and coordinated meetings for my team. This work involved managing client meetings, as well as attending meetings as representation for solicitors when the need arose. I also liaised with the Central Bank and Enterprise Ireland on behalf of clients, managing information flows and processing clients' requests to the relevant solicitor. Following my time in Philip Lee, I sat and passed my 8 FE1s. Since then, I have worked as a paralegal with Maples Group, working in the funds department. I worked on research for clients on formation of funds, liaised with the Central Bank and carried out a range of tasks including informing clients on recent legal developments in funds law through a quarterly legal update.

While at Trinity, I studied abroad in L'Université de Bordeaux. It proved to be a formative experience, and I came away from my Erasmus having improved my French language skills to a fluent level, having obtained a first-class honour in my French language exams. The experience of studying law in a second language in a civil law system deepened my understanding of our own legal system, as well as improving my communication skills immeasurably.

Following my Erasmus year, I interned for two months in the European Parliament, working for a policy advisor on the Committee for the Internal Market and Consumer Relations. I dealt with a variety of organizational and research tasks; I compiled briefing memos on consumer protection legislation for the Group; I was obliged to write speaking points for guest speakers to the Parliament. I was required to attend committee meetings as representation for the Group, and I learned to summarize detailed subjects clearly and concisely. I attended the plenary session of the Parliament in Strasbourg, and coordinated the booking of accommodation and transport for colleagues. This experience fostered my communications and computer literacy skills. It introduced me to an international and stimulating work environment.

I am a highly sociable person, having been a member of several societies during my time in college. I was a part of the SUAS Education Programme, a charity project which involved giving "Introduction to Law" talks to teenagers from varying socio-economic backgrounds in Dublin on a weekly basis throughout the academic year.

I wish to start my career with Byrne Wallace as I feel its wide-ranging practice areas, coupled with its reputation as a forward-thinking and progressive firm will give me the foundation needed to become a successful solicitor. A dynamic and varied atmosphere would help me to develop the skills necessary to succeed, while within the structured and supportive framework of the Traineeship. The combination of a diversity of expertise, as well as strong links to law firms in Europe and the USA offer limitless opportunities to a trainee, and this variety is key to my choosing Byrne Wallace.

I thank you for taking the time to consider my application and I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours Sincerely,

Éilis Ní Bhraonáin