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I am seeking a traineeship with Byrne Wallace, 2022. Currently I am a final year BAJLI student at DCU, pursuing a career as a solicitor.

I have a multitude of experiences from interning at a large international technology company based in Madrid, Spain, to being an English language teacher to students in summer schools, as well as chaperoning them in Dublin airport. These experiences have taught me that I am capable of multitasking complex tasks, I am innovative, communication is a strong skill I have acquired, and continually what I have taken away from these experiences collectively is that people are at the core of every interaction, whether its a legal client or a language student, and how one interacts with people is critical. I have partaken in law start days with large firms in Dublin, and completed a legal virtual experience with one such firm during lockdown.

I chose law because I enjoy writing, interacting, reading, collaborating, and facilitating people. As I began in DCU I gravitated towards law, it fascinated me from the first semester, particularly the research elements, and through the nature of the material itself. I am passionate about the prospect of helping people achieve their goals through the legal framework. Collaborating with clients on projects excites me, and I enjoy building relationships with people. After a few legal experiences, I have confirmed to myself that the legal profession is what I wish to pursue. As with anything I do, I am determined, hardworking, and have a love of continuously learning. Also fast paced environments excite me.

I am a final year Joint Honours Law and Spanish student, International, as I was selected from a highly competitive pool to go on Erasmus during my 3rd year. My legal grades have been mostly 2:1 or 1:1 in second year as I developed my academic writing and research. Over my Erasmus year I focused solely only linguistic skills, and endeavour to improve the overall grade this year.

Byrne Wallace is a top firm, evidenced by winning the "Law Firm of the year 2016" award. Byrne Wallace understands their clients, and continually adjusts and researches their clients sector to ensure they deliver the best result. Winning Chambers Europe Ireland Client Service Award 2017 and the Irish Law Awards Excellence in Client Service Award 2017, really made the firm stand out to me. As well as the firms commitment to nurturing talent. Byrne Wallace offers a wide array of sectors and areas, which is ideal for a trainee experience. Technology and life sciences interest me.

I enjoy understanding everything that I engage with on a deeper level, and by doing so I can get the best result by truly understanding what the aims and objectives of the clients are. Engaging in teamwork is second nature to me, as is evidenced in my experiences. Byrne Wallace stands out for its dedication to the ongoing professional development of its trainees, its commitment to being a top firm, and its core values which resonate with me.

Thank you for your time in considering my application. I hope to hear from you shortly,

Yours sincerely,

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