

Dear Ms O'Sullivan,

My name is Akintunde and I am writing to apply for the ByrneWallace traineeship programme. I studied Law at Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria, where I graduated with an upper second class degree and am currently pursuing an LL.M. in Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law at Trinity College, Dublin.

As a leading commercial law firm, ByrneWallace LLP has a reputation of providing world class, legal and business advisory services to both international and domestic clients and has consistently added value to transactions and projects. ByrneWallace LLP is ranked highly by leading international directories, including Chambers Europe and Legal 500. This strengthens my belief that ByrneWallace LLP is the best place to kickstart my career as it would allow me to gain experience directly from industry leaders.

I chose ByrneWallace LLP because of its expanding and knowledgeable Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law team. The firm has recently demonstrated its relevance and constancy in excellence in this field when it advised the Health Service Executive (HSE) on matters of Data Protection. I am confident that by training in the firm's trainee program, I will realise my dream of becoming an excellent Intellectual Property and Technology Lawyer.

During my brief time as a trainee solicitor in Nigeria, I had the privilege of conducting legal framework research for Starlink (an Elon Musk-owned company) about its operations in Nigeria, and reviewing information technology policy documents for the Nigerian Judiciary. I also had the honour of assisting in developing the Terms of Use, Platform Guidelines and Privacy Policy for the Nigerian Bar Association.

A further reason for my decision to pursue a career with ByrneWallace is the culture of collegiality, excellence, helpfulness, and open interaction. This was proven true when I attended the firm's open day and trainee insights webinar. This gave an opportunity to meet and learn from members of the ByrneWallace team. The employees were very attentive, caring, and respectful. Each member of the firm showed an interest in getting to know us better and even advised us on the next steps. Employees from various cultural, racial, and ethnic groups work at ByrneWallace, demonstrating the diversity of thought and inclusion.

As a volunteer, I have served as host of the All Things Teen Podcast, where I have had to build a team of volunteers from two to fourteen people, with a listenership spanning 16 countries, including Ireland, and interview leaders from various industries to share their experience and promote topics such as cyber hygiene, child protection, gender identity, environmental sustainability, leadership, and career development. To increase community engagement, I led the team that launched a school-to-school program in which we teach students life skills and reinforce positive learning. We recorded over a hundred student engagements during our first school visit to Bishop Howells Grammar School in Nigeria.

This and other volunteering engagements have allowed me to hone transferable skills like initiative development, interpersonal skills, communication skills, leadership skills, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. I hope to leverage and expand on these skills if afforded the opportunity to train in ByrneWallace LLP.

Please find **attached** a copy of my Curriculum Vitae for your kind review and consideration..

Yours faithfully,

Akintunde Opeyemi IDOWU