

Beth Onslow
HR Generalist
ByrneWallace
88 Harcourt Street,
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Re: BryneWallace Trainee Programme Application 2018

Dear Ms Onslow

I am a First-Class Honours LL.B. graduate from Maynooth University, ambitious to become a commercial solicitor with a leading and innovative law firm. Please find enclosed my Curriculum Vitae and allow me to take this opportunity to outline why I believe I am an ideal candidate for the BryneWallace Traineeship Programme.

My attached Curriculum Vitae includes a detailed academic history, as well as my legal work experience. By way of summary, I consistently ranked top 10 of my class while studying for my degree. I also excelled in extracurricular activities, becoming president of Maynooth Law Society, president of the European Law Students Association (Maynooth and Irish branch), while also being an active member of the Dance and Drama societies. This commitment resulted in an Extra-Curricular Activities Award, presented to me by the president of the University at graduation. Currently, I am also taking additional language classes in preparation for working in a top commercial firm with an international focus. I have a clear understanding of the technological advancements which are having an increasing impact on the legal and commercial landscape, and I am developing essential skills in this area prior to entering my traineeship, such as participating in coding classes.

In University, when given the choice of electives, I chose commercially focused modules, including Banking and Financial Law, Transnational Litigation, Economic Analyses of Law, Tax Law and Employment Law. Since graduating, I have reaffirmed my commitment to a legal career; having interned in a large commercial firm, I then worked in a one-person legal office before progressing to my current role working in-house for an international medical device company.

This in-house role has allowed me to work at an international level, allowing regular travel to our European bases. I obtained a unique perspective on the needs of clients on a range of projects including M&A, employment and general commercial issues. I believe this sets me apart and will allow me to excel as a trainee and, subsequently, a solicitor with BryneWallace. It is this exciting blend of legal work and commercial awareness that drew me to a career in law and has continued to sustain my passion for a diverse and challenging workload. I have learned that an important aspect of being a successful legal advisor is to also become an astute commercial and business advisor. In the current economic climate, it is important to provide a service that our clients can turn to for all manners of problems, both legal and commercial, and know they will receive a solution-focused response and comprehensive support for their business.

BryneWallace is at the forefront of legal innovation and excellence, with successes in the client service area due to the firm's practical and personable manner. This commitment was most recently demonstrated by your successes at the 2018 Clinch Wealth Management Irish Law Awards, including being a recipient of the Excellence in Client Service Award. BryneWallace's commitment to success in respect of diversity and equal opportunity is also clear, especially having achieved a gender-balanced partnership this summer. This is not to mention the consistent work on some of the

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most dynamic and complex legal matters, both domestically and internationally. BryneWallace's strong reputation as a premier firm is what drew me to apply for your Traineeship – I believe if you want to be the best, you must surround yourself with the best!

Choosing the right firm to train with is an important decision, and one that will impact on my legal career going forward. As such, I want to ensure I train in a firm with colleagues that are as ambitious, innovative and solution-focused as I am. BryneWallace is a leader in the legal field in this respect, and the firm's commitment to excellence, innovation and client focus make it the obvious first choice for me, not only as a firm to train with but also to grow and develop in throughout my legal career and while identifying my specialisation. I am committed to developing the skills necessary to become a successful commercial solicitor and to be an asset to BryneWallace. I look forward to hearing from you to discuss the next steps in my legal journey.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Alexandra English