

My name is Andrew Mc Kenna and I am writing to you to express my interest in applying to your firm for the Traineeship programme commencing in September 2025.

I am a graduate of Dublin City University with a Bachelor's degree in International Relations. I am currently advancing my studies by undertaking a Masters in Law (LLM) in Dublin City University. I would consider myself a hardworking, diligent and determined person with a great aspiration to succeed in my career as a solicitor.

After graduating from DCU, I took it upon myself to start studying for the FE1 examinations. So far, I have passed six out of eight exams and will have completed the final two this October. Despite not coming from a legal background, I still managed to pass these exams with high marks through independent study. I believe this showcases my ability to work hard, perform well under pressure, and my determination to succeed in this area.

I have gained valuable in-office experience in the legal field in my young career. I was employed from May 2023 until January 2024 in a commercial law firm, Clerkin Lynch LLP, in Dublin City where I worked as a legal intern. Working in a small firm meant that I was given responsibility from the outset and was undertaking tasks, such as, drafting board minutes and summary approval procedure documents, drafting letters to clients, attending court and preparing legal documents for court. This experience helped me to develop skills which I believe are necessary to be a good solicitor, such as, being a team player, learning to prioritise tasks and being an effective communicator.

Along with my studies and work experience, I believe that my commitment to my non-professional interests also highlight my diligence and determination to succeed. I have a great interest in athletics and I train and compete both nationally and internationally. I have been on two altitude training camps both in Kenya and Font Romeu and I am always striving to be better. I believe that my dedication to athletics shows that I am hardworking, disciplined and always striving to be the best version of myself - both on and off the pitch!

I would consider myself a hardworking and driven person. I believe that my skillset and experience would make me an excellent match for your firm, and I would revel in the opportunity to work in such a highly regarded law firm such as Byrne Wallace.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Mc Kenna