Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to work for ByrneWallace law firm as it works with some of the biggest and most respected companies in Ireland. For over 40 years ByrneWallace has been at the forefront of developments in the legal profession in Ireland and I believe working with such a reputable law firm will give me the best chance to learn quickly and maximise my potential.

My ability to work well in a professional environment is evident from my work with the Oxfam society in UCD. I was vice-auditor of the Oxfam society having helped co-found the society the previous year. Alongside the auditor we both worked very hard in order to get official recognition by UCD for the Oxfam society. The society had no members and very few committee positions filled. Therefore as vice auditor it was my job to help publicize and advertise the society as well as interview applicants for the committee positions. I also worked closely alongside the Oxfam head offices in Dublin on their campaigns in order to bring them into the University environment. The most notable campaign we worked on was “Ending poverty starts with women.”

My history of debating has also contributed to my passion for training as a solicitor. Recently I debated in the Central Criminal Courts of Ireland. I participated in the Red Cross International Humanitarian Law competition. This was an intensive competition in which we were given several different scenarios and a set time to prepare. We then debated each topic against experienced barristers, Red Cross members and members of the Irish Armed Forces in a court room setting.

While in school I was the youngest participant in the Senior Loreto All-Ireland public speaking competition and I came second. In my penultimate year of school I won first place in the All-Ireland Senior Loreto debating competition as well as being an All-Ireland Schools debating finalist.

I have demonstrated strength of character. During my university career I was sexually assaulted one morning whilst walking to University. This was followed by a car accident a few months later. I then successfully fought a court case against the man who attacked me during the exam period. Being sexually assaulted whilst walking to university taught me there is always capacity for growth. My history in university is not one of pure success but of continuous change and improvement. I have had some failures but what is important is that I have learned from each of them. The key to learning from my failures was changing my mind-set from the fixed mind-set to one of growth. I became energised by my failures and decided to turn them into a success which is evident in my grades. I have progressed from a low 2:2 to a high 2:2. I have six exams left and I firmly believe I will be graduating with a 2:1. I realised that failure and extreme circumstances do not define an individual. It is what one learns from failure and the lessons they take from unfortunate circumstances that defines a person.

As a leading law firm ByrneWallace attracts the best employees and it would be a pleasure to work alongside such a high calibre of workers. I feel that ByrneWallace will be a challenging but rewarding law firm to work for, as well as providing an excellent foundation for the beginning of a career in law. If given the opportunity to work for ByrneWallace, I will prove myself to be a hardworking, team player that adheres to the strong values that ByrneWallace stands for.

Yours faithfully
Ayesha Majeed