October 14, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam

My name is Barry Tyrrell, I am a final year Business and Law student in University College Dublin and would like to present my application for a place on the Byrne Wallace trainee programme.

Studying a Business and Law degree has provided me with a solid understanding of various legal topics and the legal system in Ireland, and has allowed me to situated this knowledge in a commercial context. I am pursuing a career as a corporate lawyer because I find the application of the law to different commercial situations and problems extremely interesting. Interning in PwC provided me with this experience, however I feel that a corporate law firm, as opposed to a firm with a focus on accounting, will offer me a greater diversity and depth of work relating to what I find most challenging and enjoyable. I have studied a broad array of law modules, and would relish the opportunity to engage with various topics, e.g. intellectual property and banking law, on a day-to-day working basis. Attending the UCD Corporate Law trip to London also provided me with a great insight into what a career in law entails, and some of the practical skills required. This trip made it clear to me that the legal industry is where I want to forge a career. Corporate law is a challenging career, which requires a high level of commitment and a great work ethic, but my experience henceforth has taught me that I am equipped to overcome these challenges.

As an aspiring solicitor, I want to be exposed to as much learning as possible, and I feel that Byrne Wallace would offer me an ideal environment to develop. Firstly, from talking to staff at the UCD Law Fair last week, especially recent recruits, Byrne Wallace was presented as an extremely professional outfit, that provides employees with opportunities to develop. Also, the breath of legal areas covered by the Firm is very attractive, as in a training contract I would like to engage with as diverse a range of areas as possible.

I am confident that I would have a lot to offer your firm. I believe that the combination of my academic ability, work experience, confidence and personality make me an ideal candidate for a position on your trainee programme. Skills such as the ability; to adapt and learn quickly, to work in a team, and to communicate and interact efficiently, have been acquired and developed through my working experience working and also through aspects of life such as sport and university. I believe that I could practically apply these skills in your company. My Leaving Certificate was a great success, obtaining 575 points, and I have continued to perform well academically in university, with my G.P.A currently standing at 3.5.

I would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to consider my application.

Yours Sincerely,

Barry Tyrrell