Byrne Wallace Trainee Programme Cover Letter

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Head of Trainee Programme and HR

To whom it concerns,

The letter which follows details the reasons for which I am applying for a place on the current trainee intake programme due to commence in 2019. Byrne Wallace has always posed a unique attraction to me as a graduate employer. I have found it to have had an excellent reputation in the international community as a leading Irish law firm. Below I have detailed the main reasons for my application.

First, I believe that my previous life experiences exhibit a number of qualities that make be an ideal candidate for the Byrne Wallace traineeship. In fact, I believe that I exhibit high levels of motivation and an ability to demonstrate initiative as an individual. To this end I wish to draw up a particular anecdote from my college experience. During the reading week of second year of my undergrad I completed a stretch of the Camino de Santiago with a group of friends from the Trinity VDP society. The reason this stands out as a such a great achievement for me is because it involved hiking 125km in four days. Which is, when broken down, roughly equivalent to going the same distance as three marathons in the same time. Literally three marathons in four days. I believe that this is a great example of determination and my ability to push myself through barriers and really shows my high levels of motivation and initiative as an individual. While it might appear that is unrelated to career in the legal provision I would argue that it is highly applicable. It demonstrates that I can apply myself and succeed in challenging situations and come out on top with positive results.

Secondly, I also believe that I make for a good team player and that my past experience in life have well-equipped me in how to deal high stakes situations where it is crucial that one remains calm and works as part of a group. A good example of this is a summer job I had during the summer of second year in college. I was working in an all Irish summer in the Connemara Gaeltacht. Here, I was required to work hand in hand with the other camp counsellors to ensure that the students remained loyal to the all-Irish policy of the camp. This was a great experience in team building and I learned how well people bonded while working together to achieve a common purpose. As a result, the students on the course greatly improved their Irish and had a hugely positive experience as all the counsellors worked tirelessly to achieve this common objective and we formed a tight knit group. This was a thrilling experience as it was the first time that I had worked on such a project. It is an experience that I can draw upon in a career in corporate law wherein one is often part of a much bigger team working on one or more pressing issues.

Lastly and just as a note in passing my previous experience both in a larger solicitor’s practice and smaller private client firms has given me a true insight into exactly the type of work and demands that are expected of a trainee solicitor and I feel that I am well equipped in this regards. I therefore, believe that I pose as an ideal and attractive candidate for the programme and I keenly await hearing back from yourselves in relation to my place and/or prospective interviews over the coming weeks.

Until then,

Yours Sincerely,

Brian Mc Enery