

Dear Sirs,

My desire for law and the work ethic that it is attributed to it is undeniable, however when leaving college I felt that I needed professional experience in order to fulfil my potential and in turn pursue my career as a solicitor. The past three years have been spent gaining as many personal and educational traits as possible in order to work in an environment which requires determination, consistent hard work and efficiency. I feel that my experience thus far will pose me in strong stead as I feel both my degree and the intense work ethic in a law firm have aided me in my overall stature as a professional today.

Throughout the past three years I have gained a set of skills which acquires me to work in a professional manner but also at an efficient pace to ensure that all deadlines are met. I am hardworking and dedicated to the work I am asked to complete. I believe that my diligent attitude would empower me to work effectively in an elite firm such as Byrne Wallace. I have been faced with challenges and obstacles both in my degree and my professional career however have made it my responsibility to overcome these with my strong sense of commitment and drive. I welcome any new challenges that are presented to me. I have recently sat my first set of Fe-1 examinations in March, 2016 and would hope to complete my final set in March, 2017.

Working for Byrne Wallace would be the perfect starting point for me, I am fully aware of the intensity of the work load but I feel this is where I will prosper the most. The broad spectrum of the firm's offices and the fact they stretch to the USA is extremely appealing and also enlightening. It is apparent that unique opportunities are available with this firm and I would endeavour to push myself to the limit to excel in every way possible. With my experience in litigation I am enthused with the fact the Litigation Department is the leading litigation practice in Ireland. The cross-border disputes and of course the settlement negotiations are all areas which I feel I could use the skills that I have already attained while also gaining more experience on a wider spectrum. Byrne Wallace was awarded Irish Law firm of the Year in 2016 which reinforces this notion that it is one with great potential and one any trainee would endeavour to train with.

I understand it is imperative that companies today require solicitors who are well accustomed to their practices and are able to provide key information to their clients. I believe a traineeship with Byrne Wallace would ensure that each trainee is at a standard higher than what would be deemed acceptable; I understand they strive for the best and this reflects subsequently in how they are valued as an Irish firm. My experience with Ivor Fitzpatrick this past two years and especially my work for the Revenue Commissioner stand me, I believe, in strong stead for a traineeship with Byrne Wallace. I am ready to embark on this journey with the support of Irelands most progressive law firm behind me however I will ensure that my ability to make my own judgments and work off my own initiative will always be at the forefront. Likewise, my love for the law and desire to become a solicitor with this firm will never falter.

Yours faithfully,

Caoimhe Mc Crea