

Rathellen House,  
Leighlinbridge,  
Co. Carlow.  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to apply for a position on the traineeship programme at Byrne Wallace. I am currently in my final year of my BCL undergraduate degree in University College Dublin.

The reception I received from each of the law firms presenting at the UCD Career Fair was a major factor in my decision as to which firm I would most aspire to train with. The employees I met from Byrne Wallace were extremely personable and presented the firm as commercially engaging, progressive and highly supportive of incoming trainees. I was fortunate to speak to Emer Squire, who really resonated with me when she explained the collaborative, collegiate atmosphere which has been instilled in the firm.

What distinguishes Byrne Wallace from its competing Irish counterparts is the firm's commitment to areas such as Childcare law and Healthcare law. The firm's high calibre of clients, such as the HSE, are a testament to its extensive expertise in these areas. After completing both the Family Law module and the Matrimonial Law module in UCD, and honing my skills in this area, my decision to pursue this aspect of the law has been solidified.

I am very interested in litigation, and this year I decided to do the Advocacy and Mooting module in UCD which is only available to students who achieve a GPA of over 3.5. I am also involved in the negotiations competition which is akin to dispute resolution. I am aware that your firm has played a key role in developing legislation such as the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 which has helped shape our socio-economic landscape. Therefore, I am very keen to apply all that I have learned in this area in your firm, whilst collaborating with the top legal practitioners in litigation in the country.

Finally, I attended the law school in The University of Auckland, New Zealand as part of the Erasmus programme last year. My semester abroad in another common law jurisdiction has given me a more informed international legal perspective. In addition, I was fortunate to secure first place in my BCL class in my third year in UCD and I hope to maintain my position on completion of my degree in May 2018.

I would appreciate the opportunity to interview and discuss my skills and experience with you in more detail. Thank you for taking the time to read my Cover Letter and CV.

Yours faithfully,

Caroline Roche