

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am a recent LLM (International and European Business Law) graduate from Trinity College Dublin, and I currently work as a Legal Administrative Assistant at OSM Partners LLP. I am applying for the Trainee Solicitor Programme 2025 at ByrneWallace LLP. I have previously worked as a lawyer in India for two years, where I gained valuable legal experience working with Tier-1 Dispute Resolution teams. I relocated to Ireland to pursue a Master's degree and further my legal career by qualifying as a solicitor.

My desire to become a solicitor in Ireland is strongly driven by my experience in commercial law. At S&A Law Offices, I successfully drafted an application to set aside an arbitral award, addressing issues of non-consideration of contract addendum and insufficient reasoning. This experience reinforced my interest in commercial law, where strategic legal reasoning directly impacts the resolution of commercial disputes.

I further developed my legal reasoning skills at AK Law Chambers, where I played an important role in securing a favourable award in a highly specialised construction arbitration. I identified weaknesses in the opposing party's expert report, strengthened the cross-examination strategy, and drafted written arguments which successfully undermined their counterclaims. This experience demonstrated my ability to thrive in a fast-paced and challenging environment like ByrneWallace LLP.

My interest in pursuing my legal career at ByrneWallace LLP was solidified after attending the Trainee Open Evening and speaking with Martin Cooney, Partner, who emphasised ByrneWallace LLP's strong focus on inclusivity and respect. This inclusive culture is also highlighted in activities such as inviting speakers from the LGBTQ+ community like the Dublin Front Runners and taking part in the Dublin Pride Parade, promoting a workplace that embraces diversity. As someone personally impacted by these initiatives, I am drawn to ByrneWallace LLP's demonstrable commitment to inclusivity. Additionally, working at OSM Partners LLP has given me a first-hand insight into ByrneWallace LLP's strong focus on learning and development, further reinforcing my desire to join a firm that invests in the growth of its trainees.

Overall, I believe my motivation to qualify as a solicitor, combined with my skills and genuine interest in contributing to ByrneWallace LLP, positions me as a suitable candidate for this position.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours faithfully,

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