

18th October 2017.

Ms. Beth Onslow, HR Administrator,  
ByrneWallace,  
88 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2.

Dear Ms. Onslow,

I am writing you to communicate my interest in applying for a position on your Trainee Solicitor Programme in 2019. I am currently in the final year of my BCL (International) Degree in University College Dublin, having spent the past academic year on Erasmus exchange in Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona.

My reasoning for choosing to apply to ByrneWallace can be summarised as follows: ByrneWallace undertakes work of the highest calibre, comparable with the larger law firms in Dublin, but maintains the holistic atmosphere of support and collaboration due to its smaller intake and size. It is a smaller firm with a 'big firm feel'.

After recently attending the firm's open evening and speaking with partner in Property Alison O'Sullivan and solicitor Thomas Joyce, the unique contemporary atmosphere on display at ByrneWallace distinguishes it from other firms. Be it from lunchtime seminars, various sports and social events or having both a supervisor and trainee mentor, it is clear that the firm invests in the development of trainees, fostering brilliant commercial solicitors boasting not only fundamental legal skills but also the softer skills necessary to succeed in today's unpredictable environment.

The firm also gives trainees direct responsibility and guidance in substantial, groundbreaking issues. Clients including Allianz, Tesco and Aldi and many other household names show how the firm deals with some of the most stimulating work, both nationally and internationally. From its involvement in Dundrum Town Centre and Ireland's largest building in Donabate, ByrneWallace's position at the forefront of innovative, legal advice is transparent. What further attracts me is that this growth is wholly sustainable, with the firm achieving the *Chamber Client Service* award this year. ByrneWallace's progressive advice that draws on its integration of departments and broad expertise ensures that it has, and will, remain synonymous with offering the widest and most exceptional client-service in Ireland.

As to why I feel suitable for a place on this programme, it is my character, professional experience and extracurricular activities which have prepared me well for the role of commercial solicitor. Working as an author for my University newspaper, I have learned to meet deadlines and function in teams of all sizes, while practical commercial attributes and leadership qualities have come from working in my parents' logistics business.

Client-focus is a recurring theme throughout my activities, and I have learned to offer innovative solutions in horse sales, quality control, and carrying out substantive practical research for a leading barrister. This particular trait allows me to understand the markets that clients operate in, placing myself in their shoes in order to deliver the most effective service.

I have studied abroad and benefited from the creation of new networks and global perspectives, placing an emphasis on continuous language development. As such I can communicate effectively across geographical boundaries, with a particular strength in Spanish. My willingness to continually learn and adapt is demonstrated by completing a Diploma in Financial Trading and Investment this year, increasing my analytical abilities and understanding of financial markets.

A career in commercial law provides a fast-paced, stimulating environment in which individuals must adapt and keep up-to-date in order to provide the most efficient and client-focused solutions. It is with this mindset that ByrneWallace operates, providing trainees not only with engaging work from an early stage, but also the support and tools necessary to develop into the newest cohort of brilliant legal advisors, prepared for whatever the uncertain future holds. As one of Ireland's best commercial law firms, the opportunity to potentially train and work in ByrneWallace is hugely exciting.

Many thanks for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

***Cian Hutchinson.***