6th February 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to apply for a place on the Byrne Wallace Summer Intern Programme. Please find my completed application form and CV with appropriate references attached.

I am currently in my second year of the Masters in Common Law (MCL) in the UCD Sutherland School of Law. Throughout my time in university and, prior to that, in second-level education, I have consistently earned outstanding results in an academic environment. I graduated from my undergraduate programme in 2015 with a first class honours degree, and I am currently studying for an extremely academically rigorous Masters programme.

I have experience working in a top-five commercial law firm and I believe that this experience would be invaluable during a traineeship. I am particularly attracted to commercial law as I believe it closely suits my skills. I am very logical and have strong lateral thinking and problem-solving skills, evidenced by my broad academic background, which includes a strong grounding in university level mathematics. My exceptional written and oral communication skills have been honed in both academic and professional environments. I have demonstrated my team-working and organisational abilities in both professional and informal environments. Additionally, I thrive in a competitive and fast-paced environment, and believe that commercial and corporate law would suit my analytical nature.

I hope to work at the top of my field in Irish commercial law, and I would relish the opportunity to join such a competitive and continually-expanding firm as Byrne Wallace, particularly in light of the firm being awarded Law Firm of the Year at the 2016 Irish Law Awards. In particular, I am interested in qualifying into litigation, and the reputation of Byrne Wallace’s litigation department makes the firm an obvious choice in this field. The extensive experience and broad client base of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution department easily makes it one of the most attractive litigation departments in the country in which to train.

In short, I believe I would be an ideal candidate for the Byrne Wallace Trainee Solicitor Programme. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours,

Ciara Leacy