

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to apply for the ByrneWallace Traineeship Programme.

My name is Conor Grogan and I am currently in my second year of a MSc in Law in UCD. I have complete two FE-1 examinations, Tort and EU Law. I have an additional MSc in Project Management and a BA in Sociology and Political Science. I am applying for the ByrneWallace 2022 Traineeship Programme. Following the Insight Webinar held by ByrneWallace I believe my academic and professional background are well suited to the Traineeship Programme. I reflect the value of integrity held by ByrneWallace and believe it is a vital requirement for success in all areas of life.

I am an effective team player, with the capability of undertaking a leadership role. In 2018 I was a part of the winning MBA Rugby World Cup, Smurfit team. The tournament took place over two days and involved playing six matches. Due to the intensity of the tournament and fast passed nature of rugby the team was changed on a rolling basis. This experience taught me the importance of knowing when to lead but also when to be a team player. This experience has transferred to my professional life as I am comfortable working in fast passed environments with continually changing circumstances.

I have strong problem solving and communication skills. During my MSc in Project Management, part of the degrees final grade was based on a group presentation. On the day the presentation was due to take place “Storm Emma” struck. Half an hour before the presentation three out of five group members informed me they were unable to attend. In order to ensure the group participated in the graded presentation, I coordinated with the three absent pupils. I obtained their segments of the presentation. I analysed each segment and condensed them down into elevator pitches. I then present the presentation by myself with the obtained data. The group received an A for the presentation. This experience demonstrates my ability to solve a problem and engage in clear and concise communication.

I am a driven individual. I believe in looking for opportunities where others see barriers and setting long term goals. An insight into my personality and attitude can be seen this summer during the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to Covid-19 the Law Society of Ireland rescheduled the Autumn Tort and European Law FE-1 examinations. Following the completion of my UCD summer exams, I decided to take the opportunity that was presented to me and sat the FE-1 exams in August. It is due to my proactive attitude, organization skills and dedication that I passed these exams. I believe that experience shows that I am an extremely hard worker who is willing to make sacrifices in order to achieve a goal. As I have stated, I believe in setting long term goals and my ultimate goal is to become a partner within ByrneWallace and obtaining a Traineeship is a stepping stone towards this target.

At the age of 10 I learned I had a condition called Stargardts Macular Dystrophy. Stargardts is a form of macular degeneration. Although my condition is classified as a visual impairment, I proactively attempt to demonstrate that hard work is the true route to success. To date, academically I have obtained a undergraduate degree and am on the verge of receiving my second masters. Professionally I have worked in Melbourne and Dublin. I aim be the hardest worker in the room and maintain a high level of integrity in everything I do.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward and hope to hear from you,

Yours sincerely,

Conor Grogan.