

To whom it may concern,

I am applying for a solicitor traineeship at Byrne Wallace.

When I finished my Leaving Certificate in 2013 I was quite unsure as to what I wanted to study in college. I was torn between studying politics or law, choosing to study arts, after much deliberation, which I later came to regard as the wrong decision. Since switching to Law and French the following year I have become more and more confident with my decision.

I particularly enjoyed studying the law of the European Union and company law. The former, given my interest in politics seemed a natural fit while my feelings towards the latter came as a shock even to me! As I had always been under the impression that corporate law would not suit me and indeed that I would not be interested in pursuing a career in law, I never availed of the opportunity to seek a summer internship. It is a shame that I was not in a position to study company law until my final year in UCC, but it was this subject which gave me the drive and impetus to seek a traineeship with a corporate firm.

In choosing firms to apply to, Byrne Wallace stuck out to me for a number of reasons. It is important to me that I get as well rounded a traineeship as I possibly can. In addition, Byrne Wallace's expertise in Brexit preparedness in particular suggest a client centred philosophy and one which readily adapts itself to the changing needs of the market.

I hope you will consider my application.

Yours sincerely,

Conor Hayes