

My name is Conor Quigley, and I am a Master of International Affairs graduate from King's College London. Before that, I completed a Bachelor of International Business and Languages (Spanish) degree at Technological University Dublin.

I recently began a new position as Clerical Officer at the Legal Aid Board. My role involves assisting with the operation of the Tallaght Family Mediation Centre, supporting a team of mediators in their work by proofreading documents, scheduling in clients, and performing general tasks as required. I also regularly communicate with clients, assisting with queries, collating, and posting out agreements as well as conducting the registration process and greeting them in our physical office.

I also recently completed an internship in Palestine where I had the opportunity to work in human rights. My role involved working alongside various non-government organizations, human rights groups and activists conducting policy analysis, examining development trends and peace-keeping initiatives as well as hands on relief campaigns.

Furthermore, I have extensive analytical experience gained during my academic career as well as a familiarity with preparing reports and work that requires an attention to detail. I am extremely positive, enjoy dynamic workplace environments and welcome leadership roles. I also have exceptional communication skills, both written and oral, having had various sales and customer service-related roles and I work well with others.

Moreover, I have already passed 7 of the FE-1 exams and I will complete the remaining 1 during the next sitting in October 2024. I also have experience of law from my undergraduate degree. I found this subject to be extremely interesting, and I was able to achieve a first-class honours in law and in my wider degree.

I want to begin a career in law for various reasons. Firstly, I find this field and the wide array of practice areas involved to be incredibly intellectually stimulating. Furthermore, being able to apply my knowledge to real world commercial situations and generating best possible results for clients is incredibly exciting for me.

Furthermore, I have very recent experience performing a litigation in Ireland, from filing the original complaint to conducting extensive research, attending hearings, and negotiating a satisfactory settlement agreement. I was able to perform this on my own without the purchase of professional legal services. I found this process to be engaging, exhilarating and I performed very well given the circumstances.

I have also assisted friends working in the legal sector which then resulted in successful outcomes in High Court proceedings. These cases and the enjoyment I took from performing them has only reinforced my desire to work in the legal sector.

I am attracted to the traineeship programme at Byrne Wallace LLP, as it is an amazing opportunity to learn about the specialist work of a top-rated law firm and hone my legal skills in a supportive and collaborative environment. The opportunity to work on and sit

in on real life cases also provides me with insight into the legal process which will enhance my professional development.

Finally, participating in the traineeship programme at Byrne Wallace LLP affords me the opportunity to gain knowledge from some of the best legal practitioners in the country and beyond and this will give me a great start in obtaining the expertise required to be successful in this industry.

In summary, I would love the opportunity to be able to participate in this programme. I believe that my professional and academic career, along with my experience in performing a legal case in Ireland and the initiative that I have shown in sitting the FE-1 exams proves that I am hardworking, intelligent, and adaptable enough to be successful in this role.

I appreciate your consideration for the role and would be happy to provide further information at interview.