## **Daniel Delaney**

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My name is Daniel Delaney, and I wish to apply for the role of trainee solicitor at ByrneWallace LLP.

I am an FE-1 candidate and recent Business & Law graduate from University College Dublin, with previous work experience in both legal and financial services. Currently, I am undertaking a postgraduate MSc in finance at the Nova School of Business & Economics in Lisbon, one of Europe's top universities. I have always acquitted myself very well throughout my academic career, achieving a 2:1 degree from UCD, and on track to do even better in my MSc studies.

While I do not graduate from my postgraduate degree until early 2023, I am currently sitting three FE-1 examinations alongside completing my master's thesis. I believe that a traineeship with ByrneWallace could be the perfect opportunity to start my career with one of Ireland's top law firms.

Aside from my educational background, I have undertaken legal work experience with both fast-paced international solicitors offices and smaller boutique law firms. Furthermore, I maintained a keen interest in activities such as advocacy & mooting throughout my undergraduate degree, participating in university moot competitions both as an individual, and as part of a team. As a result, I am confident that I will bring a high level of knowledge and expertise to ByrneWallace if I am given the opportunity, not least because of my experience but due to my overwhelming enthusiasm for the law.

As a business graduate and current finance student, I believe that I can add significant value to a number of legal areas with ByrneWallace, such as corporate & commercial law, banking law and financial regulation. As part of my MSc programme, I have undertaken a number of professional development courses that focus on areas of finance that are extremely relevant to legal practice in Ireland, such as the fintech industry, regulation of blockchain technology, and sustainable investments. Additionally, with previous work experience in financial services, I can offer a different and informed perspective on many legal issues that other candidates cannot.

In total, I have spent almost six months working in one of Irelands largest investment funds over the last two years, focusing on emerging AI, software development and deep-tech research. This experience was most beneficial to me through massive amounts of exposure to a high-pressure, results-based environment, skills which I believe could be extremely transferable and relevant to a legal career with ByrneWallace if I am given the opportunity.

Further information about my educational background, work experience and skills are available from my CV, which I have attached for your consideration.

Best regards,

Daniel Delaney