

To Whom It May Concern,

As one of Ireland's progressive law firms, Byrne Wallace immediately stands apart from other firms in this industry. However, it was Byrne Wallace's commitment to encourage and nurture the ambition of its future trainees that particularly enticed me to apply for the programme. I am a proactive and innovative student with strong commercial awareness as well as an entrepreneurial flair, evidenced by my involvement with both the globally leading business, KPMG and new Irish Start-Up, Expertise Direct. I strive to take full advantage of every opportunity to further learn and develop key skills and attributes that in turn will achieve results for clients. I recognise the mutual ambition in Byrne Wallace for trainees to take control of their own progression by offering generous support enabling the completion of PPC I & PPC II examinations.

I am a final year student of Business and Law in UCD. My course is distinctive in that upon graduation in 2018, I will receive a double major in both business and law. The relationship between both faculties is very much complementary and through my studies I have developed the strong innovative, analytical and research skills necessary for entering the legal world. I view Byrne Wallace as the most forward-looking law firm and is adapting to new client and societal needs. My digital skills including Microsoft Excel & Access/ Bloomberg Terminals will not become redundant in the legal world.

Having spoken with employees, the Restructuring and Insolvency practice is of particular interest given my KPMG experience in that role, as is that of Asset Management and Investment Fund having attended workshops in Magic Circle firms focusing in this area. I have developed strong interpersonal and communication skills through my experience in the hospitality sector. This combined with my business experience, strong attention-to-detail and legal knowledge ensure that I am confident engaging with clients and forge lasting relationships which will be of benefit in the above sectors as well as the overall firm.

I hope that my eagerness to become a trainee at Byrne Wallace is evident throughout my application and that all relevant experience and skills are clearly portrayed in my attached C.V. I look forward to your reply and/or any further questions you may have for me.

Best Regards,

Declan Keane