

**FAO: Emily Murray**

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**Re: Trainee Solicitor Programme**

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Dear Ms Murray,

I am a well-rounded, aspiring solicitor seeking a training contract with ByrneWallace. Since graduating from Trinity College Dublin in 2017, I have been continuously employed in full-time legal positions during which I have been studying for, and taking, the FE-1s – of which I have only Tort remaining, and which I am taking on 1 October 2019.

I am interested in training with your firm as there is no doubt it is one of the leading law firms in Ireland, with year-on-year growth and an eye to keeping abreast of technological and cyber-security advancements. Of particular appeal to me is your firm's activities in the healthcare and public sectors, having worked in public bodies with a regulatory function in healthcare in addition to firms with significant clients in both sectors.

During my time in Q4 Public Relations, I worked on behalf of multinational companies such as Microsoft, Medtronic and VHI Healthcare. I saw the effective implementation of marketing campaigns, political campaigns, crisis management and lobbying. In Whitney Moore, I worked in the intellectual property department when it was voted Irish Patent (Contentious) Firm of the Year for 2019. I assisted the department in carrying out intellectual property litigation for some of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world.

I have gained hands-on experience in a number of diverse roles, finding each to be invaluable, as the legal, regulatory and public relations industries have significant overlaps. These roles have developed some of the key skills I believe one needs to become a successful solicitor: attention to detail, tenacity, effective communication and critical analysis. I relish in the minutiae of legal work and have always enjoyed working with others to succeed in a common endeavour.

For a more detailed listing of my work experience, I have attached my CV and I look forward to having an opportunity to discuss my candidacy further. Please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [dermotgallagher@live.ie](mailto:dermotgallagher@live.ie) or by phone on 086-0121-666.

Thank you for taking the time to read my application and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

*\*Sent electronically – bears no signature\**

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**Dermot Gallagher**