

Rathimney
Gusserane
New Ross
Co. Wexford

15th October 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Trainee Development Programme 2018

I am currently in my final year of Business and Law at University College Dublin and expect to graduate with a high 2.1 in 2019. I am writing to you to express my interest in the Byrne Wallace Trainee Development Programme which I regard as a great opportunity. Following the completion of my degree, I hope to have eight FE-1s passed by April 2020. Attached, you will find my CV which contains more specific details relating to my education and experience.

Having the opportunity to learn, through immersion, from the country's top associates and partners is integral to becoming an excellent trainee solicitor. I find it incredibly appealing that as a trainee in ByrneWallace I would be guaranteed complex and intellectually stimulating work. This would quickly allow me to flourish as a leading business adviser within the firm. From talking to friends who have completed internships I know that the work given to me would be challenging and the firm's culture is supportive and collaborative. I am drawn to a culture that promotes the idea of continuous learning and sharing knowledge. This elevates the quality of the training that I will receive in ByrneWallace and will allow me to reach my full potential quickly within the firm.

I am applying to Byrne Wallace because it is one of Ireland's largest corporate law firms with an international presence and a broad range of practice areas. ByrneWallace's global presence is important to me as I know I will have the opportunity to complete work for internationally focussed clients. I am extremely keen to gain experience of cultures outside of Ireland. I was chosen to represent UCD abroad in the University of Tulsa in Spring 2018. This was based on a competitive interview process with an emphasis on academic progression within the Business and Law programme. In Tulsa I gained practical experience in the Public Defender's Office and I also became an integrated part of the University community. I quickly adapted to life in Tulsa and built on my cross-cultural communication skills throughout the semester. Overall, the experience has certainly enabled me to grow as a person and I am much more confident and empowered as a result.

Having completed two legal internships this year, I am confident I have the skills necessary to excel within ByrneWallace and contribute in a meaningful way to the work the firm does. I have developed strong analytical and problem-solving skills, that I believe are crucial for any business adviser to have. As a trainee in ByrneWallace I would strive to add value to each client's business through critical thinking, research, and determination. From my experience to date I understand the importance of supporting others, displaying initiative, and achieving at a high level. I have strong communication and interpersonal skills. I am confident and clear in expressing problems or raising queries with my superiors. I understand the importance of having forthright honest interactions, particularly when communicating with clients.

Thank you for considering my application, and I do hope I will have the opportunity to discuss my skills and experience with you very soon.

Yours faithfully

Diarmuid Doyle