**Byrne Wallace**

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Dear Ms. Onslow,

I would love the opportunity to work as a trainee in Byrne Wallace and to do it proud.

I have excellent academics. I was awarded a first class honours LL.B degree in 2015, coming top of my class. I received a 2:1 in my LLM in International and European Business Law in Trinity College Dublin. I was selected as one of the “100 Minds”, a project that selected 100 of the best undergraduates in Ireland.

I believe that I have the traits that excel at your firm. I think that my entrepreneurial flair and degree of commercial acumen is advantageous when working in a corporate firm, as it is always important to look for new methods for doing your work that could mean cost or time saving benefits. It is also important to be able to understand the transactions from a commercial perspective so that each legal decision made does not negatively impact the overall transaction. I have strong interpersonal skills and I endeavour to add value to any task I undertake. I have experience of high pressure working environments and have repeatedly demonstrated my ability to work to deadlines and solve problems when faced with difficult situations, which I think is essential if working in a leading commercial law firm. I am not daunted by new working environments or unfamiliar situations. I believe that I possess the right mix of commercial awareness, creativity and determination to excel as a trainee in Byrne Wallace, which is evidenced by my current employment, academic record, voluntary work and social activities.

Throughout my work experience and academic career, I have demonstrated a strong appetite and determination to achieve my goals and become a commercial solicitor. I have the benefit of already having a degree of business acumen and an understanding of the commercial needs of clients and I believe that I can add value within any team in Byrne Wallace.

In my current role in A&L Goodbody, I have been lucky to work as part of a busy aviation finance team, which has confirmed my ambition to become a solicitor. I have gained experience in drafting, transaction management and client interaction which I feel will give me good foundations to build upon. As part of the team, I have learnt about time management and prioritisation which I believe are skills which are essential in a corporate law firm. As a result of being given the responsibility of managing transactions and ensuring that they run efficiently, I have learned a great deal about accountability and I have thoroughly enjoyed this aspect of the job.

I have worked in the in-house legal team of Zurich Group Ireland. I also worked as a legal intern at Ronan Daly Jermyn, a leading Irish commercial law firm. I have a keen entrepreneurial flair; my cake company, which I successfully established during secondary school, was selected in 1st place in Dublin enterprise awards in 2010.

Byrne Wallace is a dynamic market leading firm, and has an international reputation for delivering technical excellence while still maintaining a commercial approach. I believe that my experience and academic records demonstrate my desire to work in a leading commercial law firm such as Byrne Wallace. I believe that the high level of partner supervision and the structured training programme that trainees receive as well as the on the job training, the Byrne Wallace trainee experience is unparalleled. In particular, the open-door policy is beneficial and encourages learning from those more experienced.

I hope that you believe that I have what it takes to be part of your team and to make a meaningful contribution to it.

I have attached a copy of my cv. I am contactable on welde@tcd.ie and +353 (0)86 3097364.

Best regards

Ella Weld