

To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to submit my application for a solicitor traineeship position at Byrne Wallace LLP in which I have great interest, as a legal researcher interested in starting their solicitor journey.

Originally from France, I did a dual Bachelor of Laws with the Catholic University of Lyon (France), in partnership with Maynooth University (Ireland). This gave me the opportunity to complete two full bachelors at the same time: a Bachelor of French Civil Law taught in French; as well as a Bachelor of Laws (LLB), taught in English. Additionally, I also did a University Diploma in Common Law, fully taught in English completing my knowledge of Irish and overall Common Law. Then, I went on to complete a Master on International and European Business Law at Trinity College Dublin also taught in English where I wrote my thesis on “How efficient is the EU in regulating discriminatory algorithmic decision-making tools violating human rights?”.

Through my education, I was able to study in-depth various areas of law complimenting the diverse needs of knowledge present in corporate law firms. I believe that my strong legal academic background would make me a great choice for this traineeship as fast learner already familiar with the matters at stake. Additionally, I reckon that my international academic background would be a great fit for this position as I have expertise in varied jurisdictions (France, EU, Common Law) and a very international approach, which is needed when considering the global impact of Byrne Wallace LLP.

Furthermore, I have also built legal centered experience working on research projects, first as an intern, and then as a full time Research Analyst at Trilateral Research. I worked on EU funded Horizon Europe research projects which dealt with various topics, from illicit firearms trafficking (CEASEFIRE), improving workers conditions under Industry 4.0 (OPTIMAI) to protecting children from online sexual exploitation and abuse (ALUNA). There, I collaborated with an interdisciplinary team made of law, psychology, sociology, criminology experts, and more, where we worked together to provide solutions to technological developers and to support law enforcement agencies. I contributed to missions by notably collaborating on papers, deliverables, impact assessments, compliance tools, workshops, and surveys. I also disseminated my research on “Deconstructing controversial predictive technologies for children in law enforcement, to identify, understand, and address ethical issues” at the ETHICOMP 2024 conference.

Therefore, through my international approach, I am eager to continue to specialise and apply that knowledge in the context of a traineeship to become a solicitor.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I am available for any additional questions or information that might be needed, and I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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