

Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to express my interest in the position of trainee solicitor with with Byrne Wallace. My academic and professional background has directed me towards applying the law in professional practice and I believe I would be a good fit for your firm.

In 2021, while working full time, I completed the Diploma in Legal Studies in the King's Inns with a 2:1. This included 1st class honours in jurisprudence and equity assignments, the former receiving the highest result that year. Over the two year course I developed my legal research and writing skills and I am adept in using software such as Westlaw and JustisOne. I have passed three FE1 exams and at the time of writing, I am about to sit the remaining five.

My professional background is varied, international and blends an understanding of the commercial impetus with the policy and legislative landscape. This includes stakeholder engagement through direct experience in the Irish political arena as parliamentary assistant to Stephen Donnelly TD and with EU institutions as an attaché to the OSCE in Vienna where I engaged in legal case work for the Ambassador. EU and International law were key components of my master's degree at the University of Vienna and as the recipient of a scholarship from Smurfit Graduate School of Business, I have a keen interest in pursuing a career where the law and business intersect.

In my current position as Programme Manager for the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce, I am responsible for three concurrent programmes with client relationship building, budget and staff management to the fore. This requires a high degree of flexibility, initiative and issue resolution to meet and exceed key performance indicators at various stages of project and programme development.

One such programme is the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's national school workshop and outreach programme. This entails delivering energy workshops to 25,000 students across the country with a team of 15 facilitators and an administrator reporting directly. As of now, I am leading a tender process to expand the programme worth €1.1m. Compliance and attention to detail are key to this role as ultimate responsibility for GDPR and Garda Vetting and safeguarding rests with me.

I have applied legal experience through my previous role as operations manager with the same organisation. Here, I worked closely with the Company Secretary and Board of Management to ensure adherence to the requirements of the Companies Act 2014 as regards AGMs, member correspondence and CRO reporting.

I enjoy working on cooperative team projects. For instance, I recently engaged with the Department of Planning in implementing a nationwide schools' campaign to drive awareness of the National Planning Framework resulting in over 3,000 entries, the best of which were awarded by the Minister at a collaborative event at the Custom House, Dublin.

Recently, I completed a research report for the Foundation for Environmental Education in Copenhagen whereby I coordinated the production of 5,000 surveys from 35 international operators, evaluating their impact and effectiveness. Over the course of the research,

though dealing with overseas affiliates, I strengthened valuable networking and intercultural communication experience and presented my research at a conference in Shanghai.

My professional experience to date aligns closely with the values and mission Byrne Wallace. I endeavour to complete every aspect of my work to a high standard of excellence and continually seek to adapt and build my skills in new areas.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eoin Heaney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Eoin Heaney.