

Longford, Ballyhea, Charleville, Co. Cork

Cork, 19-10-16

Byrne Wallace, 88 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, D02 DK18, Ireland

Re: Application for the position of Trainee Solicitor

To whom it may concern,

I wish to make an application to Byrne Wallace for the position of Trainee Solicitor.

I firmly believe that my international profile, my contacts in Irish law and commerce and proven track record in law would make me a strong asset to Byrne Wallace as a Trainee Solicitor and in the future as a Solicitor. Furthermore, I feel that my previous experiences have adequately prepared me to work at the coal face of commercial law practice in Ireland.

My candidacy is very different from most. Having submitted my PhD at a law school that regularly ranks in the top five in Europe, I find myself at a professional crossroads. I could pursue academia, re-enter an EU institution or work elsewhere in policy in Brussels. However, it has always been my intention to practise in law. I feel that training as a Solicitor is essential to completing my legal profile. Throughout my career I have worked and studied in the most prestigious institutions. What is more, I have a history of being asked to return to work for them again. In line with this history, I think of it as being particularly important that I train with the best and I view Byrne Wallace in this mould.

My intention would be to take up the Traineeship in the Autumn of 2017. In the meantime, I would sit and pass all eight of the FE-1 examinations. I also want to start working in a commercial law office as soon as possible so I would very much like to start working within such an office after the April 2017 exams. I have spent the past number of years living abroad and working in EU public law within the European Commission and at the European University Institute. I am excited at the prospect of returning to Ireland, starting to utilise my network of contacts again and applying my recent experiences in an exciting and challenging commercial law environment.

Please refer to my curriculum vitae for further details of my qualifications and experience. Thank you in advance for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Frank Mc Namara.