

Attn: Ms. Beth Onslow
HR Administrator
Byrne Wallace Solicitors
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Dublin 2

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Dear Ms. Onslow,

I am a Business & Law (BBL) graduate with a consistently strong academic record and over three years of cumulative, professional work experience across a diverse range of practice areas and industries including Corporate Finance, Commercial Property, and Technology. My dual discipline university degree provided me with an intensive exposure to and a comprehensive understanding of both business and the law, as well as the interplay between the two disciplines, and I have continued to apply this to my advantage throughout my postgraduate career.

I have worked intimately with senior management and directly for clients in many of my previous roles, offering me an invaluable insight into the delivery of client services and the structure and mechanics of the business behind any law firm. I have continuously developed and refined my core skills including: nurturing my professional relationships and network to facilitate my own job performance; continually monitoring market and regulatory developments to ensure that I remain commercially aware and my knowledge consistently relevant; enhancing my interpersonal, cross-functional, and collaborative skills by routinely observing and engaging with internal and external contacts, both locally and internationally; learning, perfecting, and applying new competencies, skills, and information; persistently improving and perfecting my analytical, strategic thinking, and diagnostic skills in identifying workable solutions to problems as they arise; assuming ownership of novel, complex, and persistently challenging tasks, and taking full responsibility for process design, performance, and end results; and enhancing my organisational and project management skills by consistently delivering to the highest standards under pressure and within strict time constraints.

I can comfortably assume new and changing roles, and rapidly assimilate into and perform in unfamiliar working environments. As such, I stand fully confident that my accumulated knowledge, competencies, and professional experiences are readily transferable to Byrne Wallace, allowing me to make an immediate impact on, and a significant contribution to, my designated teams and to the firm, generally.

I am now looking to take the next step in advancing my career by training to become a qualified solicitor with a top-tier commercial law firm. My goal is to find a comprehensive, supportive, and

flexible training partner to provide me with the necessary structure to maximise my development potential and to allow me to become the expert legal advisor that I intend to be.

I want my career to be defined through collaborations with the leading contemporary legal advisors on the highest-profile commercial transactions and by delivering to a diverse suite of big-name clients across a broad range of industries. With a profusion of such clients and a number of distinguished practice groups, Byrne Wallace clearly offers me these opportunities. I have already identified a number of areas of specific career interest and I have encountered each of these sectors at various stages in both theory and practice, crystallising my personal interests as well as my determination to pursue a career in one of them. The firm currently specialises in all of these including Corporate, Financial Services, Technology, Data Protection, and Intellectual Property. The possibility of actively steering my own career path towards, and eventually specialising in, one of these areas during the course of my training is of fundamental importance to me and an extremely attractive feature of the programme. It sets me something to continually work towards, enables me to foresee a sustainable future for myself within the firm, and to consider Byrne Wallace as a long-term career partner and not just a medium-term training partner. I could then begin to map my career path and to set myself long-term professional goals from a very early stage, and to immediately start building long-lasting personal relationships as well as my own professional network within the firm.

I also intend to continue to learn and to expand my knowledge base at every opportunity so I consider the firm's provision of seminars and workshops via the Learning & Development Programme as an invaluable training resource. This ensures that I will continue to diversify my cumulative knowledge and expertise while simultaneously enabling me to increase my specialisation in specific areas of interest, contributing to a more comprehensive and fulfilling personal training experience. The further possibility of later delivering those seminars and workshops as an Associate or Partner in the firm is another positive draw for me. I find that teaching others is one of the most effective methods of truly mastering a particular subject and I would not hesitate to volunteer my services in this area to facilitate this pursuit.

It is for the reasons above that I have identified Byrne Wallace as a first choice training partner with which to take this next significant step in my career.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Geoffrey Curran