

Byrne Wallace
8 Harcourt Street,
Dublin 2.

18th October 2016

Re: Trainee Solicitor Application – Grainne Tiernan

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am applying for the role of trainee solicitor with Byrne Wallace.

I am currently based in Palestine where I work as a Project Coordinator for economic development projects. Through my role I have worked on trade and investment projects to enhance trade routes between Palestine and Jordan, local economic development platforms establishing municipality investment companies and legal reform projects to encourage Start-Ups and entrepreneurial activity. I also act as a contract consultant on international donor and business contracts working with USAID, German International Cooperation (GIZ), Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) and have become familiar with FIDIC construction contracts and UNICITRAL International Arbitration rules.

Through my previous employment at A.C. Forde and Company Solicitors in Dublin, I gained extensive experience in corporate law by acting as support staff to partners and solicitors in commercial and residential conveyancing. Through this role, I was also exposed to the fast paced environment of commercial litigation. From my experience at Simon Parson & Co Lawyers in Australia, I gained valuable insight into the benefits of sophisticated e-conveyancing database and was responsible for independently running case files in the conveyancing department.

As part of a University International Exchange Program, I spent 9 months in France where I developed a high level of written and spoken French. I am also currently in the process of learning Arabic and I am currently at an A2 level.

Outside of my academic achievements, I was awarded both Player of the Year and Coaches Choice Awards for my outstanding contribution to Trafalgar Victory Soccer Club. Throughout my academic years, I participated in debating and business innovations competitions. This led to being placed as a finalist in the Young Entrepreneurs Competition. I have also recently set up a volunteering project, *Volunteer Palestine* which is aimed at promoting sustainable tourism in the West Bank and developed a business plan and strategy which was awarded an investment grant supported by the American Kelly International School of Business and the American Embassy.

Given the opportunity, I would be committed to proving my ability as a trainee and developing the foundations for a long and mutually rewarding career at Byrne Wallace. I would like to thank you for reviewing my application and I would welcome the opportunity to provide additional information to supplement the enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

Grainne Tiernan