

Cover Letter

Bryne Wallace

I am a first-class honours (1:1) Master of International and Comparative Law (LL.M) graduate from Trinity College Dublin and a first class honours Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) graduate from Maynooth University, finishing second in my class. I also obtained a first class honours in my Masters dissertation, which centers around European foreign terrorist fighters who have travelled to Syria and Iraq to join ISIS, in which the dissertation aims to critically analyse the security threat foreign terrorist fighters pose to Europe upon their return. The dissertation also uncovers the legal responses of Belgium, France and the UK in relation to the homecoming of this cohort, such as their approaches towards repatriating such persons from Syria and Iraq, their enactments of new legislation, their prosecutorial methods for trials of returnees and their usage of the revocation of citizenship. Furthermore, I created a contemporary and comprehensive dataset of terrorist attacks committed by ISIS affiliates in Europe between 2014 - June 2020.

I am extremely passionate about working at ByrneWallace as I admire the firm's proven track record for serving with innovation, its wide array of different types of clients, and its consistent success in high-profile and complex legal challenges. I yearn to be able to work alongside such intellectuals and professionals and to learn from the very best in the field. I am also attracted to the international nature of the firm, and the broad range of practice areas it specialises in. Additionally, the firm's expertise in many of the world's most dynamic sectors, such as in energy and natural resources and life sciences and technology really appealed to me.

I specifically chose to apply for the trainee position at ByrneWallace as I am extremely interested in the sectors trainees are permitted to gain work experience in, specifically in corporate and commercial law, litigation, data protection and dispute resolution - the latter subject in which I was awarded 80%, a high first class honours in during my LL.B degree. I believe this position will equip me with skills that I can draw from throughout my entire career,

especially as the programme allows trainees to work closely with lawyers on ongoing matters, allowing me to gain first-hand experience into various areas of law.

I believe I can contribute to the firm as a trainee as I have unique experience at an international legal organisation - namely the United Nations Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (the former International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY)) in the Hague - making me a fantastic candidate for this particular role as I have gained the skills of producing high quality work for lawyers and prosecutors, the ability to work under pressure, and advanced knowledge of IT softwares.

Additionally, I have worked as Judicial Assistant and Researcher to the Honourable Ms. Justice O'Regan of the High Court, in which I attended court and liaised with lawyers on behalf of the Judge in matters relating to corporate law, land law, criminal law, dispute resolution and litigation.

Furthermore, I am extremely persistent, conscientious and resilient in everything I do. I am highly detail orientated, organised, and passionate about reaching short and long-term goals and I always strive for excellence. This can be demonstrated through the contemporary dataset of ISIS-affiliated terrorist attacks in Europe that I documented for my Masters dissertation. This required rigorous research to triple check facts of attacks and then to check the outcome of the perpetrators in the years that followed the attacks. I have strong critical thinking and analytical skills, which were enhanced from analysis I conducted in my thesis. Moreover, I have the ability to work effectively under pressure and to meet deadlines from when I worked as a Judicial Legal Assistant to a High Court Judge.

I have also enhanced my legal researching skills from a legal researching internship I won in which I had the opportunity to work alongside an International Law professor in Ireland and from my position at the High Court. The former taught me how to best draft reports and summaries of cases from Special Rapporteur Reports and from United Nations High Commissioners for Human Rights. I also gained experience from both of these jobs of how to work best in groups and to best put forward my input whilst most importantly, listening and

respecting my other group member's ideas. Furthermore I have advanced analytical skills from my internship at the ICTY in which I had to analyse evidence and from my academic writing throughout my Masters of International Law degree. Moreover, I have developed excellent communication and interpersonal skills from my aforementioned work experiences, in which I really enjoyed working in multicultural environments and as part of teams, further developing my abilities to work in a group.

To conclude, I am a really self-motivated and a very determined individual. I have a love for learning and a passion for obtaining justice in this world. I am a very humble, cheerful and calm person with the ability to work under pressure and to remain positive in such an environment.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.