

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my interest in Byrne Wallace's trainee solicitor programme. I am in the final year of my BCL (Law & Irish) at University College Cork. I intend to complete my FE1s in April 2016. I have experience working in-house in Heineken Ireland. Having had this experience, I would welcome the opportunity to work and learn in a well respected firm.

I am meticulous and detail oriented, as demonstrated in my current part time role as a translator. Being able to review documents meticulously is also very important in corporate law. You can sacrifice neither time nor accuracy, and both need to be done at a very high level. As a translator, I have a lot of experience and practice at this. Sometimes I have several sets of documents at once, which I need to prioritise and deal with in a timely fashion without missing any deadlines. This is very similar to working in commercial law and juggling several matters at the one time.

I work well under pressure. In Heineken I dealt with a lot of emergency situations; the Head of Legal was away for my second week in Heineken and I was left to work under my own initiative and undertook a lot of responsibility. I drafted social media and data protection policies for the business.

I am efficient and hard working; Early in my placement, I instituted changes as to how trading agreements with publicans were processed. By ensuring direct early contact between Heineken Legal and customers' solicitors, the turnaround time for contracts was lowered and correct execution of complex documents such as personal guarantees was ensured.

I adapt well to new situations, as shown by my moving to Germany and successfully completing a legal internship and a semester of studying law through German. This is also shown through my wide range of work experience, as you will see from my CV.

These skills lend themselves to a career in law and I look forward to further developing them at Byrne Wallace.

The areas of law that interest me are practical ones, such as contract, company and employment law. The solutions to problems in these areas involve more than simply knowing the relevant law; you must be commercially aware and able to critically assess the advantages and disadvantages of different courses of action.

Byrne Wallace's practice areas and their lawyers are consistently ranked highly in the Legal 500. Reviewing the graduate section of the website, Byrne Wallace clearly places a lot of emphasis on trainees obtaining the best education possible. I know that I will be an asset and will fit in well with the firm if given the opportunity.

Byrne Wallace has a strong reputation as an international firm. Corporate law presents opportunities to work with clients from a wide variety of jurisdictions. This international flavour appeals highly to me, having experienced working both abroad and at home in a large multinational.

Byrne Wallace has a dedicated Technology team. I am highly interested in this rapidly growing and developing area. I developed social media and data protection policies for Heineken during my tenure there and attended the ICEL's IT Law conference in June 2015.

Thank you for taking the time to review my application. I look forward to a favourable response.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Déiseach

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