Byrne Wallace Trainee Application Cover Letter

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my interest in the Trainee Programme with ByrneWallace. I am currently in the final year of my BCL Law and Society degree in Dublin City University and intend to pursue a career as a solicitor upon completion of my degree.

There are a number of reasons why I want to be a ByrneWallace trainee and be part of the Trainee Programme.

**Rotations and Partner Supervision**

The fact that I would be rotating between different legal practice areas over the two year training contract is a particular element of the trainee programme which I like. It would mean that I would be getting a traineeship covering various different aspects of the law as opposed to just remaining in one department. Also by being placed in different departments I will be able to ascertain which area of the law I enjoy working in the most. During my summer internship with G.V. Maloney & Co Solicitors, I experienced hands on, a degree of finance law due to dealing with numerous different mortgage applications and client debts. I also experienced litigation first hand while shadowing one of the many solicitors within the firm. However I was mostly assigned to the same work therefore with ByrneWallace I know I would benefit and appreciate working in different departments.

Also to be able to have direct contact and supervision by one of the firm’s partners is extremely encouraging. It would ensure guidance and development, which would ultimately stand to me during my career as a solicitor.

**The Opportunities**

As outlined in my CV, travel and foreign culture is a particular interest of mine. ByrneWallace have offices in Dublin, New York and an association with Mills Selig this shows that the firm has a global presence and I want to work for a firm that has such presence and stature within the legal world.

**The Right Balance**

I am an extremely sporty and social person as exemplified by my commitment to Gaelic football over the last number of years. I won a junior championship with my club team two years ago and was also voted University of Stirling’s men Gaelic player of the year last year. Therefore it appeals to me that ByrneWallace appreciates the value of sport and that it is actively promoted within the firm. From the Rugby sevens to the soccer team the sporting opportunities are fantastic. I am also a very social and outgoing person, from traveling across America to getting involved with clubs and societies within DCU, I always want to meet new people and get involved. For example as PRO of DCU Young Fine Gael I am currently organising a trip to Dáil Eireann this week for our new and returning members. The idea of getting properly involved with the themed staff BBQs and Christmas parties is extremely appealing. The opportunities which ByrneWallace gives to a trainee to properly get involved within a team in a professional, social and sporting manner is one of the main reasons why the trainee programme and life as a ByrneWallace employee excites me.

Academically I have proven myself to a high standard based on my University results, coming fifth in the class in first year and eleventh in my second year. In terms of work ethic I have held down a job and in some cases two at the same time over the last six years, in New York on two occasions I worked twenty eight hours in a row. Experience wise due to work and travel I have experienced different cultures, worked with people from different countries with extremely diverse backgrounds and have developed more as an all-round individual due to these experiences. I have shown leadership through being a class rep, increasing the number of members in the DCU Young Fine Gael branch and in particular this year after being promoted to a Senior Student Ambassador for DCU I am now in a position of responsibility and leadership every day.

I believe I have the academic qualifications, skills, experience and work ethic to be a superb trainee for ByrneWallace.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank ByrneWallace for considering my application and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind Regards

Ian Middleton