

Cover Letter

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Dear Ms Murray,

I am writing to express my interest in the Traineeship Programme at Byrne Wallace LLP. As a graduate from the LLM programme in Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law with legal experience at the EUIPO and current intellectual property paralegal position at Gartner, I believe I possess the necessary skills that will enable me to thrive in this position.

I am drawn to the positive culture of Byrne Wallace LLP and to a high degree of responsibility placed on each trainee, which I believe fosters greater ownership and accelerates career advancement. I realised this over the course of a yearlong placement at State Street Global Services, where I worked on a fast-paced team in the Client Delivery Management department. This team afforded me the opportunity to take on responsibilities, conduct independent projects, and to manage my work efficiently by being self-organised to deliver work within deadlines. I gained the ability to work with multiple teams as well as take initiative in independent work.

The firm's learning and development culture is also appealing due to my experience as the Vice President of the Maynooth University Law Society. My intellectual curiosity motivated me to organise and moderate the society's first ever panel discussion which was titled 'The Future of Artificial Intelligence in Law' and consisted of legal professionals and academics. The training rotation and partner supervision offered to trainees at Byrne Wallace LLP is another impressive feature of the traineeship. Deciding what area of law to specialise in upon qualifying as a solicitor is an important choice, and the opportunity to develop a broad range of skills and knowledge in a breadth of legal practices would allow me to choose an area that would take into account my interests and ambitions.

Furthermore, I have read that Byrne Wallace LLP has an excellent intellectual property team, and with the detailed knowledge of EU IP law that I learned while working at the EUIPO, I am certain that my experience can be excellently applied to the domestic and cross-border work that Byrne Wallace LLP carries out for companies wishing commercialise and protect their trade marks. The prospect of participating in such sophisticated matters under the guidance of qualified and experienced professionals is the chief driving force for my application. It is paramount that working in Byrne Wallace LLP will allow me to gain invaluable experience throughout my traineeship and hopefully, a qualified solicitor in the future.

I enclose herewith for your information an up to date copy of my CV.

Kind regards,

Irene Ciocan.