Ciara Loftus

HR Manager

Byrne Wallace LLP

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Dear Ciara,

**Ref: Byrne Wallace – Trainee Solicitor Programme**

I am applying for the position of Trainee Solicitor at Byrne Wallace. I have a Bachelor of Civil Law with French and an LLM International Business Law from Maynooth University. I have sat and passed five FE1 exams and I am hoping to complete my remaining FE1s in March 2022. Additionally, I am currently employed as a data protection consultant for a data privacy consultancy firm, PrivacyEngine. Although I love the client-focused and problem-solving nature of consultancy, I have always been dedicated to becoming a qualified solicitor. From my first-hand experience with Byrne Wallace, I was delighted when I heard the trainee solicitor applications had opened, as I would love to begin my solicitor career with the firm.

In March 2020, I interviewed at Byrne Wallace for a summer intern position. During this interview experience, I found the Byrne Wallace staff and representatives to be extremely collegial and respectful. This demonstrated the positive work culture in the firm and the openness of the firm’s most successful partners. I left the interview feeling that I would fit in with the team at Byrne Wallace and I am more determined than ever to work with the firm. Since my previous application, I have developed my industry experience through working as a data protection consultant, which has strengthened my commercial awareness and legal knowledge. I am excited to demonstrate my ambition and potential to become one of the future solicitors of Byrne Wallace.

Apart from my previous experience with the firm, I am impressed with Byrne Wallace’s focus on legal technology. I am quite interested in technology and its impact on the legal sphere, as I examine the intertwined nature of data protection law and technology frequently in my current role. I am impressed at Byrne Wallace’s drive to embrace automated means of working and to use technology as a tool to cater to clients’ needs. I would love the opportunity to work with experienced legal technology partners and associates at Byrne Wallace and to build on the firm’s goal of promoting technical innovation within the legal space.

Yours Sincerely,

Jade Van Standen