

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a final year Business and Law student interested in a career in commercial law. It is with great enthusiasm that I am writing to apply for the ByrneWallace 2021 Trainee Solicitor Programme.

The passion and enthusiasm that lawyers have for their career is one of the reasons why I was drawn to law in the first place. It is a career that requires ambition and diligence, which are traits that form part of who I am. A legal career is perfectly suited to my analytical, research and problem solving skills. I have honed these skills through my two years as a Business and Law forum representative. I collected feedback on the course and produced reports for the faculty. I found solutions that balanced the interests and requirements of the students and of the university.

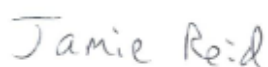
From my experience in the legal and professional services sector, I learned that working in the legal industry goes beyond producing high quality work. It is also about perfecting the "soft" skills. In my role as an event steward, I gained valuable customer service skills and I pride myself in being able to put distressed customers at ease and get to the core of what they need. These skills will no doubt be valuable in the legal industry where building a lasting relationship with the client is the lifeblood of a successful firm.

I act as a legal advisor in the free legal advice clinics run by the Student Legal Service in UCD. I enjoy being able to solve real world problems for students. I discovered that thinking outside of the box is always a powerful tool in solving problems, as sometimes the answer to what initially appears to be an unworkable situation lies in compromise and common sense. I also had the opportunity to participate in the UCD Career Mentor Programme. My mentor was a great role model and made me realise that a legal career is within my reach if I fully devote myself to this goal. She motivated and inspired me to pursue a legal career with all my strength.

I am drawn to ByrneWallace because of its forward thinking and proactive approach to law and business strategy. As someone who is very interested in restructuring and insolvency, I thoroughly enjoyed reading about your firm's take on Schemes Of Arrangement and how the COVID-19 business environment provides an opportunity where agreement and compromise under a Scheme Of Arrangement is more likely due to the universality of difficulties with COVID-19. Our views are aligned in that we both believe that it is important for parties in difficult financial situations to act and communicate early. It is clear that ByrneWallace is committed to supporting businesses regardless of the circumstances and I would love to be a part of your excellent support system.

Thank you for this opportunity and for taking the time to review my application. Please find my CV attached to my application.

Yours Sincerely,



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