October 2024

**Re: Trainee Solicitor Application**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my interest in the upcoming legal trainee solicitor position as advertised through the Byrne Wallace website. Please find attached a copy of my CV, in which I have outlined my relevant work experience, qualifications, interests and achievements to date.

I have recently graduated from the Bachelor of Laws at the University of Limerick with a Second Class Honours, following on from my undergraduate degree in BA Criminal Justice, which I completed in May 2023. Studying the Bachelor of Laws has always been of great interest to me to enable me to expand my scope within the legal sector. Modules in my course include Contract Law, Tort Law, Company Law, Equity and Trusts and Land Law. I have always had a strong interest in Criminal Law specifically, however, over the course of my four years during my undergraduate degree, I have been able to gain a deeper insight into other departments within the legal realm and want to focus in forging a career within the commercial side of law. I believe I adapt quickly to all environments and enjoy a challenge whether it be individually or working within a team. My interest in all areas of law have really pushed my motivation to work hard to achieve the results that I have and continue this hard work as I progress in my career.

One of the reasons why the Byrne Wallace traineeship programme appeals to me is the acceptance of graduates from all backgrounds. It is clear Byrne Wallace have created an environment of inclusivity and diversity, something of which stands out to me amongst other leading law firms in Ireland. Trainees are given great exposure to real-life cases and are given the opportunity to make an integral contribution to the actual workings of the firm. I also really appreciate the work life balance that has been adopted for trainee solicitors in Byrne Wallace, the ability to integrate oneself into the community and learn first-hand from reputable, qualified persons through the office is a great support to trainees such as myself who would be re-locating.

I enjoy the fast pace working lifestyle that Byrne Wallace offer, and the constant challenges along the way that would enable me to gain a better understanding of the legal sector. I am confident that my academic achievements and diligent, hardworking personality make me a strong candidate for this position. I would be more than appreciative to have the opportunity to meet with you and I am available for an interview at any time that is best suited. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 0834733203 or Jennifer.shum67@gmail.com .

I would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to read my application and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Shum